

Hopeful And Happy



On the stroke of 12 tonight many people will kneel in prayer while others will burst forth into a wild round of merriment. On the twelfth stroke of the twelfth hour the world will be away on its spin for 1948. Prophets today, as they have done since man first tried thousands of years ago to peer into the unknown, are making forecasts of what is in store for the world. Some of their predictions are not pleasant. Tonight, however, the New Year, like young Peter Sallaway, shown above, literally bursting into the picture, will be happy, hopeful, vigorous and unafraid. But, like little Peter, it will be looking for guidance too. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Sallaway, 901 Empress Ave.

## Romanian Royal Family Asks For 60 Passports; Ex-King Sees Premier

BUCHAREST (AP)—The Romanian royal family of ex-king Michael applied today for 60 passports to leave this newly-proclaimed "democratic republic."

Michael, who abdicated in a surprise move Tuesday, came back to Bucharest with his mother, former Queen Helen, from the royal castle at Mt. Sinaia, where they had spent the night.

The 26-year-old former monarch conferred for an hour with Dr. Petru Groza, premier of the Communist-dominated government.

Groza said in an interview that Michael was free to come and go as he pleases. He said that if Michael wants to go abroad he probably has personal reasons, hinting at the reported romance of Michael and Danish Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma.

Official Swiss sources said

they expected Michael would enter Switzerland. Princess Anne said in Copenhagen that she had received no direct word from Michael since he quit the Romanian throne. She went back to Denmark after a trip with Michael and his entourage recently from London to Switzerland.

Michael planned to return to Mt. Sinaia to spend New Year's Eve with his mother.

The chamber of deputies met this morning with the full cabinet to witness the swearing in of the fifth member of the newly established presidium. He is George Steare, first president of the Bucharest Court of Appeals, who arrived late from a trip out of the city.

The other four members, headed by Mihail Sadoveanu, president of the chamber, were sworn in Tuesday night. After the ceremony the chamber adjourned until Jan. 20.

Parliament is to draft a new constitution.

**WORKED FOR CHANGE**

Premier Groza told newspapermen later that the developments in Romania went smoothly "but, of course, we have worked and thought for this achievement."

Groza said the former Queen Mother "will accompany her son on the trip abroad" and that other members of the royal family are free to stay if they choose.

"The ex-king," he said, "probably will take his personal suite and retainers with him."

Groza told reporters all the Crown domains reverted to the state, but it was learned that

## B. S. Heisterman, Of Pioneer Victoria Family, Passes

Bernard S. Heisterman, a native son and for many years one of the leading real estate men in Victoria, died early this morning at the age of 74 at the family residence, 915 St. Charles Street.

Eldest son of the late Mr. and H. F. Heisterman, pioneer Victoria family, Mr. Heisterman was educated at Central School and High School in Victoria, he carried on the real estate business established by his father in 1864. His mother was the first school teacher in Moodyville, on the mainland, which was settled before the city of Vancouver.

The family residence in Victoria was at the corner of Hillside and Douglas Streets, site now occupied by the Scott Building.

Mr. Heisterman, who was associated with the late James Forman in the firm of Heisterman, Forman & Co., retired from active business life several years ago. He was a life member of the Royal Colwood Golf Club and the Pacific Club and was formerly a member of the Victoria Golf Club and the Union Club. He was a Mason.

Three sisters, Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mrs. R. E. Brett and Mrs. A. G. Smith and a brother H. G. S. Heisterman, all well-known in the city, pre-deceased Mr. Heisterman. A son John, pre-deceased him in 1930.

## Brilliant Meteor Seen By Thousands

SEATTLE (AP)—A meteor that flashed southward across the sky early Tuesday night was witnessed by hundreds of persons in Washington, Oregon, and northern California.

J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon astronomer, said reports indicated the meteor was emerald green and appeared "half the size of a full moon" before bursting twice in a shower of sparks as the main portion struck the outer atmosphere.

At Fort Bidwell, Calif., residents mistook the meteor for a burning aircraft and a sheriff's deputy had organized a search party before authorities called it off.

The meteor moved in a great arc from north to south across the southeast sky at about 7:30 p.m., P.S.T.

Commercial airline pilots confirmed the sky spectacle.

## Truman Confident Of World Peace

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman said today he is looking forward confidently to world peace upon which all nations can agree.

In a New Year's message, the President said this hope includes proper development of the United Nations, which he says offers hope to the world.

Mr. Truman said he has every faith in the work of the United Nations and that neither the United States nor any other nation can afford to abandon its task for a "workable world peace."

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# Greek Relief Forces In Sight Of Konitsa

## Toll Of 6 Dead In Holy Land As Strife Continues

JERUSALEM (AP)—Six persons met violent deaths in the Holy Land today as Jews and Arabs continued a war of reprisals and counter-reprisals touched off by the United Nations' month-old decision to partition Palestine.

The killings raised to 487 the toll of fatalities in Palestine since Nov. 29.

In Tel Aviv a young Jew was found shot to death in a park. Three Jews—one a young newsboy delivering copies of a Zionist paper—and an Arab were killed in isolated outbreaks of violence in Jerusalem.

The death of a British constable, wounded in a bombing in Jerusalem several days ago, accounted for the day's sixth fatality.

Two Jews were wounded when a bus was sprayed with gunfire and then bombed near the Arab office in Jerusalem. An Arab bus also was the target of small-arms fire, but there were no casualties.

Behind the scenes in this communal war both sides meanwhile were quietly building up their armed forces for an anticipated showdown.

## BOTH SIDES RECRUITING

Recruiting of Jewish youths between 17 and 25 was launched in Jerusalem today. A Jewish spokesman said he expected 8,000 to 10,000 armed men soon would be available for security duties.

Abdul Ader Hussaini Bey, cousin of the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem and chief organizer of the Arab armed forces in Palestine, claims to have 100,000 men under arms in the Holy Land and is reported to be recruiting more at an average of 300 daily.

He said the Arab army will be organized on the German pattern, with modern weapons.

The Bey disclaims responsibility for any of the Arabs' guerrilla activities during the past month. As his chief lieutenant explained it:

"Do you think we would send a few boys when we wanted to do a job? We have not yet begun to fight."

## LATEST War Shipments To China Secret

OTTAWA (CP)—Detailed lists of Canadian war materials being shipped to China will not be made public because of a Chinese government request they be kept secret for "security reasons," it was learned today.

## 16,000 Homeless

PARIS (Reuter)—Police estimated today that 16,000 people were homeless in Nancy, eastern France, as the floods abated after three days of torrential rain.

## U.S. Plane Missing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A B-29 long-range weather plane is missing on a flight to Elmendorf Field, presumably from California. U.S. army officials reported today. There was no information on how many were aboard.

## Sailors Ask Advice

VANCOUVER (CP)—New complications developed today in the movement of \$1,200,000 worth of Canadian war surplus munitions for China as crew members of the Se. Lake Okanagan asked the Canadian Seamen's Union for advice on sailing the ship. Longshoremen continued loading the vessel.

## Convicts Protest

WINNIPEG (CP)—Their quarters at Headingley Jail looked pretty good to about 60 prisoners today and they refused to go out into the 27-degree-below-zero weather outside. Governor E. G. Weeks said the disturbance was minor and that later the men reluctantly donned mufflers and mitts and went to work.

## Continue Search

NOME, Alaska (AP)—With hopes dimmed almost to the vanishing point search parties continued today to scan the bleak icy wastes of the Seward Peninsula for a B-29 pilot, his navigator and three U.S. army paratroopers who vanished after leaping to the aid of the airmen's six fellow crew members, down with their crashed plane.

## Attlee To Broadcast

LONDON (Reuter)—Prime Minister Attlee will broadcast at 9:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m. P.S.T.) Saturday, it was announced today. This will be the fourth of the six political broadcasts which have been arranged for the government with the British Broadcasting Corporation.

## Grass Fire At Zero

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP)—Firemen looked at the temperature: Zero. Then they looked at the calendar: Dec. 30. Then they went out to extinguish a grass fire near the Niagara River park ways.

## Many New Year's Day Receptions Listed

New Year's Day receptions will be held in Victoria throughout Thursday at the following places and times:

Government House—11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Lieutenant Governor Charles A. Banks receiving.

City Hall—10:30 to 12:30 noon—Mayor Percy E. George and members of the City Council receiving.

H.M.C.S. Naden—11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Officers of Royal Canadian Navy shore establishments at Esquimalt receiving.

H.M.C.S. Naden—12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Chief petty officers and petty officers receiving.

H.M.C.S. Ontario—11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.—Officers of R.C.N. ships based here receiving.

Admiral's House—4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Read-Admiral E. R. Mainguy, O.B.E., R.C.N., Commanding Officer Pacific Coast, receiving.

Bay Street Armouries—3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Lt. Col. R. D. Travis, M.B.E., E.D., commanding officer, Canadian Scottish Regt., and officers of the mess receiving.

Bay Street Armouries—2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Sergeants of the C.S.R. receiving.

Bay Street Armouries—10:30 to

# Week's Siege Proves Costly To Communists

ATHENS (AP)—Greek army relief forces pressed within sight today of embattled Konitsa, where a weary 1,000-man garrison has been holding out since Christmas Day against furious attacks by an estimated 5,000 guerrillas. Military authorities said the junction of the relieving forces with the garrison could be expected about noon.

Athens press reports said the rebels encircling the city had launched a last desperate assault on Konitsa and were being pounded by artillery fire.

The bulk of the Greek reinforcement units were reported to be within a mile of the strategic Bourazani Bridge, 11 miles west of Konitsa. It was predicted the rebels would blow up the bridge in their retreat, but army engineers already were said to be bringing up fording boats and bridge parts.

Lt. Gen. Kalogeropoulos, commander of the 2nd Army Corps, sent a message to the Konitsa garrison:

"Be brave. Make a final valiant effort. Strong units are moving toward Konitsa. We shall meet and shake hands today."

In another message, to the 75th Brigade, which is defending Konitsa, Gen. Kalogeropoulos said:

"By authority of the king, I

## Ship's Master Pens Vivid Account Of Sea Monster

The following story was written by the captain of the Ss. Santa Clara at the request of the Associated Press and radioed to New York following the ship's report to the U.S. Coast Guard that it had struck a "sea monster" in the Atlantic off the North Carolina coast.

By J. FORDAN

ABOARD THE Ss. SANTA CLARA (AP) (By Radio)—On Dec. 30, 1947, the Grace Line steamer Santa Clara was cleaving through sunlit calm blue seas 118 miles due east of Cape Lookout, en route from New York to Cartagena.

The Santa Clara had just crossed the Gulf Stream when William Humphreys, chief mate; John Rigney, navigating officer, and John Axelsson, third mate, assembled on the starboard wing of the bridge to take the noon sight at 11:55 a.m.

## HEAD SEEN FIRST

Suddenly Axelsson saw a snake-like head rear out of the sea about 30 feet off the starboard bow of the vessel. His exclamation of amazement directed the attention of the other two mates to the sea monster, and the three watched it unbelievably as, in a moment's time, it came abreast of the bridge where they stood, and was then left astern.

The creature's head appeared to be about 2½ feet across, 2 feet thick and 5 feet long. The cylindrical-shaped body was about 3 feet thick, and the neck about 1½ feet in diameter.

## Italy's Ex-King Buried In Egypt

ALEXANDRIA (Reuter)—The body of ex-King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who died here Sunday, was buried today with the full military honors due a ruling monarch despite his wish for a simple funeral without wreaths or flowers.

The widow, ex-Queen Mother Helena, who will be 75 Jan. 8, was ordered by her doctors not to follow the funeral procession owing to her weak state of health.

The remains were buried in St. Mark's Chapel, within the precincts of St. Catherine's Cathedral.

The military funeral had been arranged at the express wish of King Farouk of Egypt.

Ex-King Umberto, son of the late King, who arrived today from Lisbon, headed the mourners, who included all members of the Italian royal family now in Egypt, the ex-Queen Mother Joanna of Bulgaria (King Victor's third daughter) with her son, the 10-year-old ex-King Simeon.

The cortege filed through streets lined with tens of thousands of silent mourners and was led by 100 of King Farouk's bodyguard.

## No Times Tomorrow

This newspaper will not be published New Year's Day. The usual editions will be issued Friday.

# Happy New Year







## Reds Urge Britain Revalue Currency, Abolish Rationing

MOSCOW (AP)—Pravda suggested Tuesday that Britain could overcome her economic ills by following Russia's lead in abolishing rationing and revaluing her money.

The idea was put forward in a three-column front-page editorial in the Communist organ just three days after Britain and Russia concluded a short-term trade agreement which, it has been intimated, may lead to a long-term pact next spring.

"Today in England," Pravda said, "they are not establishing economic order by the necessary financial reforms and by complete cancellation of the ration-

ing system, but they are instead applying all kinds of rationing which are progressively worsening the already difficult life of the broad mass of the population."

Pravda denied that there was any inflation in the Soviet Union. "The strengthening of the monetary system, the growth in production of consumer goods, the development of open Soviet trade with a reduction in prices," it said, "will make possible a further cutting of prices in the future—all of which will increase the realistic wages of the workers and the income of collective farmers. That's why we do not and will not have inflation."

The Russian government ended rationing in mid-December and simultaneously revalued the ruble in a move to halt inflation. Washington dispatches Sunday said that confidential reports to the State Department from the American Embassy in Moscow told of continued shortages and increasing prices despite these measures.

## Red Steps Up



Lazar M. Kaganovitch has been appointed deputy chairman of Russia's Council of Ministers—corresponding to our cabinet. Known as the "Iron Commissar" during the war, Kaganovitch was one of the Soviet's wartime heroes, and is a powerful figure in U.S.S.R. hierarchy.

## News of the Island

### 4 Months On Check Charge At Nanaimo

NANAIMO (CP)—William A. White, charged with passing worthless cheques, received a four-month prison sentence in police court here. He was convicted on three counts, and sentenced to four months concurrent terms on each.

### Dies At Port Alberni

PORT ALBERNI—Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, 81, died here Monday at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. L. J. Blackmore. Surviving are three sons, Reginald of Victoria; Rowland of Vancouver, and Frank of Whonnock, and one daughter, Mrs. L. J. Blackmore.

### Sooke Legion Dance

SOOKE—Sooke Branch No. 54, Canadian Legion will hold its 21st annual New Year's Eve dance, in Sooke Community Hall from 10 to 3. The first Legion New Year's Eve dance was held in the old Sooke Hall in 1927.

### Porcupine Causes \$1,000 4-Car Crash

DAYTON, Wash. (AP)—Four motorists today were asking: "Why does a porcupine cross the road?" The animal was doing just that (without giving answers) Monday night, state patrolman Clarence Ellis reported, when it was struck by a car driven by Reade Abel of Dayton. A second car, driven by Stanley Lott, Walla Walla, hit the first machine. A following car driven by Edward Goldner, Walla Walla, pulled up short to avoid the mix-up, only to be hit by a fourth motorist. Result: \$1,000 damage. Ellis didn't say whether the porcupine reached the other side of the road.

## All Signs Indicate 1948 Prices To Top All-time U.S. Records

By Canadian Press  
The last day of the year bears its quota of news favoring business and industrial stability as well as items of potential danger to the economic structure.

Important to Canadian price levels is the report from Washington that wholesale prices in the United States moved nearer to the all-time crest of May, 1920, and government economists say they can find nothing to indicate 1948 prices will stop there.

Further indications of mounting prices came from London with reports that the Danish-United Kingdom trade conference, opened Monday, may result in higher prices for essential food imports.

The United States Anti-inflation Act calling for "voluntary" controls for industry in the fight against rising prices, signed Tuesday by President Truman, sets in motion machinery which, it is hoped, will prevent severe price jumps.

## Liquor Exports May Rise

Significant for the Canadian distilling industry is Washington's proposal to limit the use of grain by distillers. This, in conjunction with the Geneva trade agreements, which reduce the United States import duties on liquors, opens possibilities

for greater Canadian exports to the United States.

Growth of the Canadian newsprint industry and promise of further capacity expansion is seen in a survey which estimates a record of more than 4,396,000 tons for 1947 and increased capacity at an average of approximately 100,000 tons a year over the next three years to reach more than 4,650,000 tons in 1950. The estimated production for 1947 represents an increase of approximately 1,137,000 tons or 34 per cent, within two years.

## HOUSE-BUILDING DOWN

Building contract awards in Canada for 1947 totaled \$718,137,100, an increase of \$54,700,000 over 1946. Heavy increases were noted in engineering and commercial construction, but housing and industrial building both were lower than during 1946.

Markets generally were firmer Tuesday, with New York, London, Toronto and Montreal showing moderate advances in the industrial sections. Base metals in Toronto reflected optimism in the industry's future earnings, prices moving sharply upward. Chicago and Winnipeg grains tended irregularly upward and livestock prices in Canada were firm on active trade, with hogs in Toronto moving up 75 cents a hundredweight.

## Wholesale Prices In U.S. Near Crest

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wholesale prices in the United States edged nearer Tuesday to the all-time crest of May, 1920, and government economists say they can find nothing to indicate that 1948 prices will stop here.

With the exception of some items which slowed down the food group at least temporarily, wholesale prices on 900 commodities studied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics sailed unchecked past another postwar mark during the week ended Dec. 20.

An index figure of 162.5 was recorded for that date by the B.L.S., which uses average prices prevailing in 1926 as its 100, or normal wholesale level. In May, 1920, the bureau says prices averaged 167.2 per cent of the 1926 average.

## Petrillo Summoned For Second Trial

CHICAGO (AP)—James C. Petrillo was called to trial for a second time Tuesday on a charge of violating the Lea Act by trying to compel a radio station to hire musicians which it contended were unneeded.

Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians (A.F.M.), is accused by the government in an amended criminal information of attempting to coerce station WAAF, Chicago, to hire three musicians.

## U.S. Warns Other Nations Away From Atom Test Area Of Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States put all countries on notice today to keep their ships, planes and people out of the Eniwetok atomic weapons testing area, starting one month from now.

The State Department was busy relaying to embassies and legations a formal warning from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. In something of an understatement, the notice said "hazards" will exist in a 39,000-square-mile area surrounding the Pacific atoll beginning Jan. 31 and "throughout the calendar year 1948."

The total area is roughly half that set aside for the Bikini atom bomb experiments of 1946. However, the commission's announcement said that "if necessary, warning of any hazards outside the designated danger area will be given in the event that such dangers are created by activities conducted within the danger area."

This was taken to mean that the 39,000-square-mile area is a basic zone, to be expanded temporarily as tests are conducted. Winds and currents, which might carry radioactive clouds or water, generally move westward from the Marshall Islands through most of the year.

While Atomic Energy Commission officials described the latest notice as a "safety measure," it nevertheless will serve to advise all countries how close observers might approach to the highly-secret cluster of

coral islands where the United States will try out new atomic weapons.

The possibility of long-range peeping is pretty much confined to ships or submarines. Airplanes would have to travel so far to reach the area that it is unlikely that methods of unsanctioned observation might be attempted. Surface ships are too conspicuous.

## Nazi Must Die

DACHAU, Germany (AP)—Hans Mooser, commandant of the Nazis' Nordhausen concentration camp, Tuesday was sentenced to death by a United States war crimes court, which also imposed sentences ranging from five years imprisonment to life on 14 of his confederates. It was the last war crimes case scheduled to be held before an American court here.

## Lana Turner Easiest On Projectionists' Eyes

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—With almost everybody else conducting year-end polls on this and that, the theatre projectionists have finally spoken up and named Lana Turner as the feminine star "easiest to look at day after day." Actress Turner received 85 per cent of the first place votes in the feminine star division in a poll of projectionists throughout the U.S. Results of the poll were announced here by Local No. 165 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, the projectionists' union.

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## Artist Who Faked Old Masters Dies

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Hans Van Meegeren, 57, a Dutch artist who fooled some of the world's art experts by faking old masters, died in a hospital Tuesday night of heart disease.

He was sentenced Nov. 13 to one year in prison on charges of fraud. The prosecution said he had signed the names of such old masters as Vermeer and Pieter de Hooch to his paintings and sold them for approximately \$2,800,000.

Buyers included the late Hermann Goering and the Rotterdam Museum.

Soon after sentence was passed Van Meegeren was taken to a hospital, where he remained suffering from heart trouble.

At the time of the trial the courtroom had the appearance of a picture gallery, with the paintings connected with the case hanging on the walls. Chemical and X-ray tests proved the paintings were not the masterpieces of some of the greatest 17th century artists they were represented to be.

Van Meegeren said he had painted the pictures not for the money, but to prove to the world that he was a great painter.

## 3 Stars Charged With Having Too Many Ducks

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—Actors Clark Gable, Johnny Mack Brown and Frank Morgan are under orders to appear in justice court Saturday on citations accusing them of possessing more than the legal limit of ducks at an exclusive gun club near here. State game warden Les Arnold Tuesday cited Gable for bagging 26 ducks, Morgan 13 and Brown 16 at the club last Sunday. State game laws limit a hunter to four ducks a day.

## SHE DIDN'T GET ANY

DAVIS, Okla. (AP)—Hollywood actress Dale Evans, who is going to marry cowboy star Roy Rogers tonight at a cattle ranch near here, went duck hunting Tuesday. She didn't get any—which was bad. And she didn't see any game warden either—which was good. Oklahoma's duck season had ended the day before.

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## Mayor's Re-election Expected In Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—The size of the vote was one of the most interesting questions today as all concerned finished preparations for Toronto's annual civic election New Year's Day.

Canada's second largest city has a population estimated at 700,000, and of these close to 400,000 are eligible voters. Back in 1944 there was a turnout of 39 per cent of the voters. In 1945 it was 29 per cent; in 1946 25 per cent, and a year ago it was 30 per cent.

This year may be different. An opinion poll a few days ago indicated 65 per cent of those questions would vote.

They'll vote for a mayor and a four-man board of control, with a city council consisting of two aldermen from each of the nine wards. In addition there's the board of education, two members from each ward, and the separate school board vote, held every two years, with one from each ward.

Mayor Robert Hood Saunders was considered a cinch for re-election for a fourth consecutive term.

## Police Detaining Girl, 19, Survivor Of Mass Slaughter

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Nineteen-year-old Eleanor Springer, sole survivor of Sunday's mass slaying at nearby West Montrose, who told a terrified story of being held captive by a man who slew four relatives before killing himself, was arrested Monday night on a charge whose gist is that she is an incorrigible.

The girl was charged under the Female Refugees Act, Crown Attorney W. P. Clement said today. She will appear in court tomorrow.

Killed by shotgun blasts in the week-end tragedy were: Hugh Letson, 45, West Montrose farmer; Mary Letson, 40, his wife; Wilson Letson, 42, Hugh's brother; Percy Letson, 38, brother of Hugh and Wilson.

Police said the slayer, Walter Patrick Letson, 55, a cousin of the Letson brothers, killed himself with the same gun 15 hours later after drinking and brooding in the kitchen of the home 12 miles west of here. They said Walter believed Wilson Letson had replaced him in the affection of the girl.

Mr. Clement said that no definite decision had been made regarding an inquest into the five deaths but that it was unlikely any further investigation would be made.

The girl is reported to have told police that Walter sat on a kitchen chair throughout the night while forcing her to stay on a kitchen couch, where she slept. Later the girl told newspapermen that Walter went upstairs while she remained on the downstairs couch after the shootings.

## Jet Bomber Flies At 20,000 Feet

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP)—Out on its third test flight, Boeing Aircraft Company's experimental jet bomber, the XB-47, Tuesday climbed to 20,000 feet, highest altitude it has reached to date, officials said.

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## FORWARD INTO 1948

NOT SO VERY LONG AGO THE community known as Greater Victoria was credited in statistical data published in this and other countries with a population of a trifle more than 60,000. This counting of noses represented the tally of the city proper, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt. As we stand on the threshold of another year, however, it is permitted to announce to the world at large that these four civic entities, jointly, can boast of more than 100,000 souls. Here is a significant increase, not specifically as numbers predicated economic welfare and substantial promise, but more particularly because it would seem to indicate that type of expansion and development which will make for political and economic stability. But to achieve this objective it will be necessary for the people of this highly-favored section of Vancouver Island to make up their minds to pull together. Sectional differences and an unfortunate propensity to put local interests ahead of those policies which could redound to the benefit of the whole should have no place in neighborhood vision.

The arguments to which we refer in the foregoing are neither new nor novel. But a certain public apathy which all too frequently manifests itself in the relatively small number of qualified electors who go to the polls when an important public issue is involved emboldens us to revive this hoary discussion. One paramount example of lethargy, of course, is reflected by the apparent disregard on the part of the taxpayers of the Greater Victoria area of the need to make known in more definite terms their wishes regarding the plan to amalgamate the four municipal political entities now almost territorially indistinguishable. Because we have dealt with this matter in these columns so many times during the last decade, we do not propose at this stage to indulge in repetitive argument. We hope that the representatives elected by the people of the Greater Victoria area will try to devise some means of popularizing a policy the ultimate adoption of which should make for progress and prosperity in this part of Vancouver Island.

The foregoing observations may be parochial. But they furnish us with a preface to the wider discussion of the potentialities for economic expansion of the whole of British Columbia. Here again vital statistics should be considered. The census of 1941, for instance, placed the population of this great western province of the Dominion at approximately 817,860. The latest unofficial figures published at Ottawa, on the other hand, credited this province with slightly more than one million souls. This means, if it means anything, that not only has British Columbia retained a large proportion of those Canadians who came west to assist in various branches of productive effort essential to the nation's contribution to victory in the Second World War, but also that this specific area of the Dominion has been able to retain the great bulk of its natural increase. These facts alone should be sufficient to evoke that brand of local, provincial, and national policy calculated to develop still further those inducements to settlement and citizenship on which practical economic expansion inevitably must depend. It will be obvious, of course, that we are trying to suggest to the people of this and other communities how important it is for them in their own interests and the interests of this great Dominion to eschew petty ideas in order that the broader concept of progress in all its aspects may be thoroughly understood and applied in the fullest practical sense. In other words, we can think of no better advice to give to the people of this neighborhood at this season than that they realize that self-help, personal initiative and community enterprise will return manifold dividends—and, with that idea in mind, we conclude with the time-honored wish for a "Happy and Prosperous New Year."

## ROYAL RETIREMENT

THE ABDICATION OF 26-YEAR-OLD KING Michael I, in the face of what he described in his proclamation as "great political, social and economic changes in the life of the Romanian state," removes the last monarch from the countries which have become known as Russian satellites. Zog of Albania, Simeon of Bulgaria, and Peter of Yugoslavia had earlier lost their regal rights in favor of the Communist-dominated governments which took control following the Second World War. It is not quite a year since the Constituent Assembly of Albania, on Jan. 11, proclaimed the creation of a republic. King Zog, living in London, was not mentioned in the decree. On Sept. 8, 1946, Bulgarian citizens voted almost unanimously to oust 9-year-old King Simeon II and form a republic. The lad joined in Egypt his grandfather, ex-king Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who died last Sunday. Earlier, on Nov. 23, 1945, the Yugoslav government under Marshal Tito had proclaimed a republic and abolished the monarchy, ending the reign of Peter II. Michael's seat on the throne had never achieved the security enjoyed by Royalty in

some of the 10 remaining monarchies in Europe. He first became king at the age of six, when his father, King Carol, abdicated to pursue his romance with Mme. Lupescu. Carol later returned but was driven out of Romania during the Second World War, and Michael again ascended the throne. His reign was marked by his overthrow of the dictator, Ion Antonescu, in 1944, but since then has been made difficult by the rise of Communist forces as his country came within the Russian orbit. Michael's present decision to renounce his political responsibilities and seek happiness as a private citizen in marriage with Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma would appear to have relieved him of a position which was becoming intolerable. He took the stage in difficult and tumultuous times, and may find consolation in the fact that the collapse of his career as a ruler is matched by numerous contemporary examples of the premature fall of the curtain.

## MAY HE HAVE TOLERANCE

WHETHER IT BE FOUNDED ON FACT or not, there is a popular belief that the traditional Chinese observance of their own New Year is marked by a repayment of personal debts and a symbolism indicative of wiping the slate clean for a fresh start on the ensuing 12 months. There is much to be admired in the concept. But in the civilized world as it exists today only a universal miracle could accomplish the equivalent result among peoples who have scores to settle with one another.

It is given to man to hope that 1948 may go down in history as a year of accomplishment in the rebuilding of accord between nations. It is given to man to dream, that within the course of the next four seasons some concrete start may be made in beating the proverbial sword into ploughshares. But the opening of the year gives no auspicious promise of that achievement. Where open hostilities do not blaze with destructive violence, a corroding uneasiness tarnishes the vision of what might, under happier circumstances, be a bright tomorrow. A solution for the distrusts that create acrimony between nation and nation remains to be found.

And yet, among honest men and women, the realization still exists that decency is shared by all peoples, irrespective of creeds, colors or nationalities. It is the misfortune of our times that the tendency today is to raise the telescope to the blind eye when looking for these characteristics in others. We and those with whom we could be friends are ever prone to magnify one another's faults, to minimize one another's virtues. In a world of varied shadings, we seek to establish definitions in black and white when only the extremes can be so depicted. Had man achieved perfection, he would find no difficulty in adhering to that which was right. Being imperfect, however, he must judge with compassion the evident imperfections of those about him. And while he should not be called upon to yield principles, before delivering verdicts on others, he must weigh his own right to pass judgment.

In the cartoons symbolizing the New Year, a small figure will appear wearing a sash inscribed "1948." May he so grow in strength that, vigilant to guard those things he holds dear, he still may find the courage and understanding to champion the cause of tolerance wherever that spirit needs succor in a sorely tried and uneasy world.

## AND ON AND ON THEY GO

WITH A FINE APPRECIATION FOR the excellence of some addresses of considerable length, the Ottawa Journal takes exception to the almost uniform praise bestowed by Canada's press on Mr. Speaker Fauteux' suggestion that under certain circumstances speeches in Parliament should not exceed 20 minutes, and, if read, not more than 10 minutes. As the well-known newspaper of the federal capital notes, many of the finer pieces of oratory could not have been accomplished within the limits proposed by Mr. Speaker.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that members who deliver speeches in the national forum have not the advantage of the platform speaker who has the day reserved to himself. They are preceded by some and followed by others; and to the listeners the spoken word too frequently becomes lost in waves of sound that wash over consciousness drugged by a surfeit of verbiage. In many instances the speeches become soporifics, and meaning is submerged in a rolling tide of the human voice.

There are, of course, exceptions. Some masters of expression have the great capacity to hold interest, to introduce light and shade into their deliveries, to press home points with consummate skill and to marshal argument in a way that keeps the listener alert. Their efforts might suffer from the truncation of a specified speech deadline. On the other hand, there are individuals who possess no such facility, but are equally inclined to use up time. And there is no way of differentiating before delivery between the good and the bad.

The question seems to be: Is it preferable to risk the loss of some that are good to ensure a reduction in the multitude that are bad, or should the latter be suffered in the hope of reward from those that are excellent? This, of course, is a matter of appreciation. It will be generally admitted that the actual conduct of the nation's business could be accomplished with far less oratory than at present pours forth onto the floor of the House. It must also be taken for granted that restrictions on the length of speeches should in no way become a gag rule to stifle legitimate criticism.

## Walter Lippmann

### PRACTICAL WISDOM

AMERICANS CANNOT BUT feel how vast are the things they are called upon to do, and how human, all too human, are they who have to attempt them. Never before has so much been expected of any people who were not directly and immediately threatened—that consciously, deliberately, voluntarily, and in open debate, they should decide to use their power, their resources and their influence for the security, the pacification, and the rehabilitation of the whole world.

An action of this magnitude cannot conceivably be made to succeed unless it is planned with great wisdom. For the problems of the world are enormous; the power, the resources and the influence of the United States are limited. Practical wisdom, then, is the ability to judge rightly where the limited means at the United States' disposal can be used most efficiently—putting first things first, and distinguishing what is vital and urgent from what, though intrinsically important, is by comparison secondary.

TO DESCEND FROM generalities to the concrete, it may be said, I think, that the practical question is whether Secretary Marshall, who bears the responsibility, is to have his hand upheld in what he proposes to do, and whether his hand is to be forced when he deems it unwise to act.

What happened in Congress over interim aid for Europe and for China is a definite preview of the problem which Secretary Marshall will face on a much greater scale in the months to come. His hand was not upheld by the House of Representatives on the amount of aid to be given to France and Italy; his hand was forced on aid to China. Thus his judgment as to how the United States' limited resources can most wisely and efficiently be applied was overridden. The result is that France and Italy do not get enough to tide them over the winter, and China is offered a ridiculously insignificant sum.

IN THE MONTHS to come the fate of the European recovery program will also depend on whether the country upholds Secretary Marshall's hand and whether it refuses to let his hand be forced.

The money he is asking, though barely adequate for the job, is nevertheless a large sum in a peacetime budget. It must compete with tax reduction and it must compete with the inflation. Therefore, it will be difficult to persuade Congress to authorize and appropriate the whole sum. There will be a strong disposition to reduce the total amount.

AGAINST this reduced total, there will then appear many claims, put forward by earnest and zealous people, which would force Mr. Marshall's hand. Claims will be put in for China, for Greece, for Korea, for Iran—that is to say for all the weak countries around the periphery of the Soviet Union. In support of these claims Mr. Marshall and the state department will be asked embarrassing questions, reinforced by quotations from the President's message announcing the so-called Truman Doctrine, and from Mr. X's celebrated article on how to contain and frustrate the expansion of Soviet power.

These claims for aid and for intervention will be supported with arguments to show, first that the sums involved are trifles compared with the needs of western Europe, and second, that a vital American interest is irreparably at stake. But the truth will be that the sums involved are not trifles, that as in Greece they are only a first installment on an incalculable amount.

THE REAL ISSUE will be whether to become entangled in all these places, and to be compelled, therefore, to deduct from the Marshall plan for Europe the amounts needed to implement the Truman Doctrine all around the border of the Soviet Union. At some point in this conflict of claims, the Secretary of State will have to define the choice to the American people, and ask for a decision and a mandate.

For if his hand is not upheld in Europe and if his hand is forced in the Near East and in Asia, his policy will be torn apart; he will be committed and entangled everywhere and unable to achieve a result anywhere.

The difficulties confronting him are very great, and he will need the steadfast support of an enlightened people. He is entitled to that support. Some one will have to be trusted. Some one must make the judgments. Some one must in the end decide where available American means can best be applied.

## Quoting

I imagine a warmonger is just someone Mr. Vishinsky doesn't like.—Hector McNeil, British Minister of State.

We do not wish or intend to be tied by economic strings to political policies of other countries, however friendly.—Sir Stafford Cripps, British Minister of Economics.

Disloyal and subversive employees must be removed from the federal payroll, but the government must not engage in a witch hunt.—President Truman.

By this time it should be evident that the American public is capable of doing its own censoring.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

American imperialism wants to dominate the universe.—Jacques Duclos, French Communist Secretary.

## In The Eye Of The Beholder



## British Health Improved Despite Austerity

Condensed from Health Magazine

A PHENOMENON which has remained practically unnoticed during the economic crisis is the splendid state of health of the British people; Sir Wilson Jameson, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health called it "a miracle" in his report on health in Britain during the six years of World War II. That was in 1945 and the "miracle" has continued into the age of the dollar scarcity, in which the British people are compelled to tighten their belts more than ever.

For example, the birth rate in Britain had been declining for decades and for the last normal year of peace, 1938, was a mere 15.1 per thousand inhabitants, but from 1943 on, with one exceptional year, the curve rose sharply until for the first quarter

of 1947 it was 22.8, the highest rate for more than 30 years.

The death rate also shows satisfactory development. It had, of course, been falling for many decades but the "miracle" was that the war and postwar conditions did not send the death rate shooting up. In 1946, even the record low figure for 1938 was beaten for only 11.5 of every 1,000 inhabitants died.

Now let us look at the causes of this favorable trend. The trend is the result of British medical science, which has made great advances in many directions. Examples are the systematic development of maternity and child welfare, scientific food allocation and improved treatment of puerperal fever. Maternal mortality and infant mortality are lower than ever before, while

following the introduction of the campaign for the immunization of children, deaths from diphtheria in 1946 were the lowest ever recorded, and it is expected that the 1946 figure will be halved in 1947.

Another important wartime innovation was the use of mass radiography to combat tuberculosis. In the period 1943-45, among every 1,000 persons examined, three to four tubercular cases were discovered in people previously thought to be free of the disease. Early discovery of the disease has been largely responsible for the 1945 tubercular death rate of only 23.95.

Now that complete figures are available, it appears that 1945 was the healthiest year on record and all indications point to the continuation of this trend through 1946 and 1947.

## More Prizes Or Lower Prices?

By JAMES THRASHER from New York

COMPETITION, that half-forgotten relic of the buyer's market, is due to play a return engagement. That is the prediction of Modern Industry, which is a pretty reliable pulse-taking magazine of United States industrial management.

In its annual forecast of business prospects for the coming year, the publication has this to say: "Competition will get really rough. Manufacturers will turn on the heat with more advertising, contests, premiums, demonstrations, fancier retail outlets, packages, displays and better-trained salesmen."

In another section of the forecast, the magazine predicts that the production manager's problems will be less difficult in 1948.

New equipment will be on the job, labor productivity is rising, and management methods are smoother. Elsewhere, in discussing labor relations, the forecast states: "With less radicals across the bargaining tables, collective bargaining will be smoother."

Those two paragraphs may seem to have little connection. But let's take a couple of more

items of reading matter and see what it all adds up to. A recent survey shows that many prospective, automobile buyers are giving up in despair or disgust. A year ago, one out of three American car owners told the pollsters that they intended to turn their present auto in on a new one. This year the proportion is one out of six. High prices and slow deliveries were the reasons given for the decline.

At the same time the trend toward "turning on the heat," in the manner described by Modern Industry, seems to have started. At least we notice that one automobile manufacturer has announced a contest with a six-figure payoff in cash and prizes.

The total cost of that contest won't mean much to a big industry, even figuring it probably will take more than the amount of the total premiums to advertise and run the show. But if the trend in competition is toward more ballyhoo, in and out of the auto industry, a lot of customers are going to be disappointed.

They are going to wonder what has become of the old-fashioned, once-admired practice of trying to market as good a product as one's competitor, at a lower price. Maybe it is a casualty of progress and the give-away radio quiz show.

If productivity is going up, if collective bargaining will be smoother, and 1948 methods and management more efficient, wouldn't it be nice if manufacturers gave thought to increased production and lower prices? They might entice back those discouraged would-be buyers of cars and other products.

That is an idealistic suggestion, we know. Basic industries like steel and coal aren't going to run prize contests or wrap their products in fancy packages. New wage demands and higher freight rates are in the offing. Aid to Europe is likely to cause some shortages. And even a general price reduction probably wouldn't have much effect on food costs.

Yet we think most people would like to see reviving competition take the form of price reductions instead of more window dressing. They might even settle for price stability.

## Enemies Within The Gates

By JOSEPH LISTER RUTLEDGE

A GOOD many years ago, Bernard Shaw wrote: "Man is the only animal of which I am really afraid. . . I've never particularly admired the lion-tamer. Inside the cage, he is at least sheltered from other men. A lion isn't very dangerous. He has no ideals, no religion, no politics, no spirit of chivalry; in short, no reason to destroy what he does not wish to eat."

With allowance for Mr. Shaw's accustomed exuberance of statement there is a solid nub of truth in this as in most of his statements. It is the enemies within our own household that are most to be feared: the enemies that use our idealism, unconsciously perhaps, to destroy our ideal.

The subversive forces of which we are so conscious are known enemies. They are there to be

faceted. The purpose of their attack is open and recognized. They are only lions after all. We know the nature of their threat and, while we are watchful, we are ready for their attack.

Our real danger comes from the people who share our opinions, and destroy them; from people so intent on their hopes, that they have forgotten what the hopes were for.

Some of us have been so eager in our fight for democracy that we have been ready to still every adverse voice, forgetting that nothing lives in a vacuum. No cause that cannot be defended is worth defending. We have sometimes been so conscious of the rights of labor that we overlooked the one fact that would make those rights actual. And that is that these

## Global Survey

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

YOUNG King Michael's abdication of his throne has no mysterious significance, for Romania already was under the domination of Moscow and he was monarch in name only by the grace of the Bolsheviks until he had served their purpose and they were ready to declare another Red republic.

Michael's personal tragedy merely represents the final step in the grand coup which the Russians have executed in taking over Romania, for, to all intents, it now is a part of the Soviet empire, and they've obtained a fine prize.

Romania is rich agriculturally, as is testified by her great fields of corn and other grains, and she has petroleum, perhaps a doubtful asset for a small country with powerful neighbors. But she is even more important strategically.

Not only does Romania have a coastline on the Black Sea but she houses the mouths of the mighty Danube, which winds back across the Balkans and on into central Europe—a navigable river which is capable of handling heavy traffic and thus is one of the world's vital waterways militarily and commercially. Moreover, she lies up against the Russian border, and thus her political complexion and international relations are of vast moment to Moscow.

## HELD IN AFFECTION

As we check up on former Romanian monarchs I'm afraid we can't give them perfect marks in stewardship and deportment. But Michael, who is only 26—just a youngster as kings go—has been showing a sturdiness of character which endeared him to his people and might have made him a great ruler if he had been given a chance. He has been so brave in trying to carry out his duties in the face of personal danger that one can understand the affection in which his subjects held him.

So far as courage goes, Michael's colorful father has plenty of it, only he would seem to have directed too much of it in wrong directions. The former King Carol, now living in Portugal with his wife—she who was Magda Lupescu—we will record as one of the notable royal lovers of history. At the age of 21, during the first world war, Carol eloped with a Romanian provincial commoner, Zizi Lambrino, and married her, to the consternation of the whole country. His father, King Ferdinand, finally got the marriage annulled.

Then Carol married lovely Princess Helen of Greece, Michael's mother. However, Carol soon fell violently in love with Madame Lupescu, abandoned his throne for her and was divorced by his wife. To give Carol credit, he has stuck to Magda through thick and thin, and they were married recently in Brazil when it seemed that she was about to die.



## VIOLENTLY PREJUDICED

Edmonton Journal

The year's finest piece of understatement comes from an English court report which describes a defendant as being "prejudiced" against his wife. It seems he hit her with an axe.

## WITHIN EAR'S REACH

Ottawa Citizen

"One doesn't as a general rule," says the Financial Times, "associate journalism with religion." The fellow who wrote that may have been in the composing room one day when the front page was going out a little late.

## EXPECTING A MIRACLE

Financial Post

"In 1947 our costs for wages and materials alone are \$110 millions higher than they would have been at 1939 rates and the end is not in sight." Chairman R. C. Vaughan of the Canadian National Railways told a Toronto audience recently. That statement is worth pondering by those who are clamoring for better railroad service and equipment, and at the same time are adamant against any increase in freight rates.

Undoubtedly through more efficiency and possibly curtailment of less essential services some economies are possible. But to expect the Canadian railways to modernize their service and meet the tremendous increase in labor and other costs without any advance in charges would seem to be expecting a miracle.

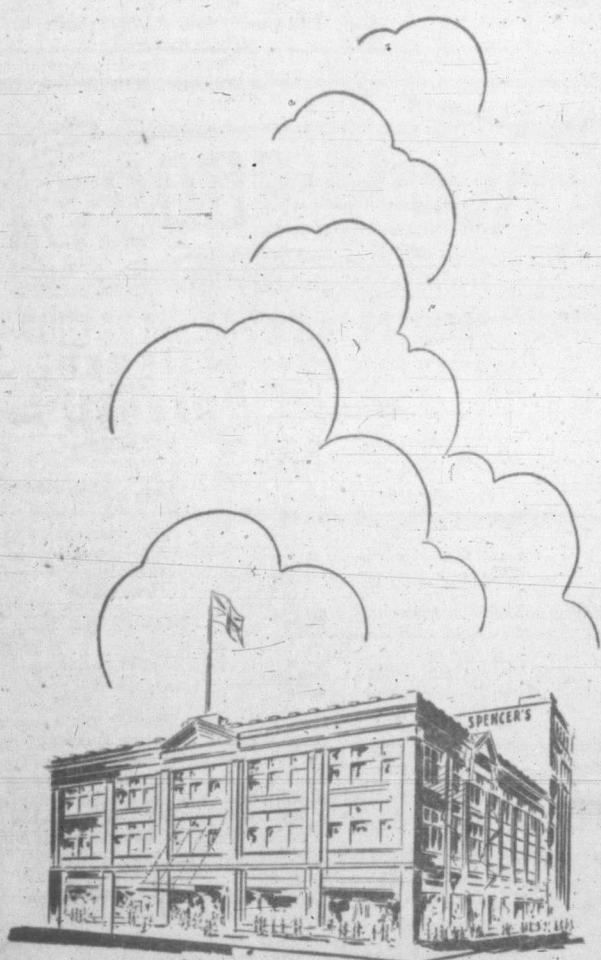


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## Island Gets Prominence In Neal's Annual Review

MONTREAL (CP)—The Canadian Pacific Railway intends to continue rendering the services to the nation for which it was established but it must be realized that this can be done only to the extent to which it is possible to provide them on a sound economic basis, W. M. Neal, C.B.E., chairman and president of the company, said in a year-end statement today. Development work on Vancouver Island figured prominently in his review.

"In common with all other Canadian corporations and with all Canadians as individuals, the C.P.R. during 1947 was faced with and is still facing steadily increasing costs in materials and wages," he said.

"There are no indications that this particular trend will change in the immediate future. In fact, there are indications that this upward trend will continue in 1948.

"Increases in costs which were laid before the Board of Trans-



W. M. NEAL, C.B.E.

port Commissioners early in 1947 have been aggravated since then. "Demands for payroll increases alone, which are excessive, if acceded to, would add over \$60,000,000 to the annual expenses of the company. It is an added expenditure that the company cannot possibly meet under present revenue conditions.

"The full 30 per cent increase in freight rates, which the Board of Transport Commissioners is considering would not come near meeting it."

**IMMIGRATION**  
Mr. Neal praised the "preliminary steps taken by the federal government to develop a flow of suitable immigration into Canada." The Canadian Pacific had purchased the former German liner *Huangshan* which is being refitted and which, renamed the *Beaverbrae*, will carry 800 immigrants to this country each trip in 1948.

The Canadian Pacific fleet is being re-established as a major Atlantic carrier. The Empress of Canada is already in service and will be joined next spring by the *Duchess of Bedford* which is being converted into the Empress of Scotland.

Four fast cargo liners are now in operation while two

## Today's Crossword Puzzle

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## T.C.A. Chalks Up 50% Increase In Passengers Carried In 1947

MONTREAL (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines added more than 1,200 miles to air routes during 1947 and passenger traffic increased by 50 per cent over the previous year, W. F. English, vice-president in charge of operations, said in a year-end statement today.

More than 16,250,000 miles were flown and the volume of air cargo also increased by 35 per cent. On the other hand, mail loads were only slightly larger.

The lack of noticeable increase in air mail added to heavily increased operating expenses, due not only to the expansion program but to rising costs of materials and higher wage rates, had an adverse effect on the company's net earnings.

### ROUTE SHORTENED

Mr. English said the opening of a new line between Toronto and Winnipeg across Lake Huron to Sault Ste. Marie and across Lake Superior to Port Arthur considerably shortened the transcontinental time.

Mr. English praised the Canadian-built North Star 40-passenger planes put in trans-Atlantic service this year and which will be used on domestic lines in 1948.

In domestic service, Trans-Canada carried 440,000 passengers in 1947; 2,500,000 pounds of mail and 1,500,000 pounds of cargo.

Over the Atlantic, 15,000 passengers were carried; 140,000 pounds of mail and 230,000 pounds of cargo. Charter flights were operated across the ocean to bring immigrants to Canada;

## Expect Early Sale Of Princess Alice

Although exchange regulations with foreign countries have hindered actual sale of the C.P.R.'s coastal passenger steamer *Princess Alice*, it is expected the ship will be sold early in the new year.

C.P.R. officials announced last fall that the *Princess Alice* was up for sale and since then, according to Capt. O. J. Williams, manager of the C.P.R.'s B.C. Coast Service, there have been many inquiries about the vessel.

The *Alice* was built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and launched in 1911. Since then she has completed more than 1,000,000 miles of voyaging along the B.C. coast.

## Name New Manager For C.N. Telegraphs

Henry Jones has been appointed manager for Canadian National Telegraphs in Vancouver. It was announced today by A. P. Linnell, general superintendent for the company. Mr. Jones was formerly manager at Calgary and will succeed Roscoe W. Ball, who has been appointed special representative for the company with headquarters in Vancouver.

To Use V.M.D. Plant  
For More Bus Storage  
A large building at the Bay Street yard of Victoria Machinery Depot Co. Ltd., is being made ready to house buses in order to overcome the problem of overcrowded conditions at Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd.

A considerable amount of filling has already been done for the new bus storage location and concrete has been laid on one of the runways.

A new route opened was that from Vancouver through the Okanagan and Kootenay valleys to Calgary. The company covers 5,370 miles of licensed routes.

Mr. Neal mentioned the long study of the waterfront situation at Nanaimo, B.C., which as a result in the drawing up of plans for a land and sea terminal at that point to be used by ships, trains, buses, freight trucks.

### B.C. IMPORTANCE

"In the railway field in Canada, the major development in the operation of the railway was the setting-up of three operational regions—eastern, prairie and Pacific—to replace the former two main divisions of eastern and western lines," Mr. Neal said. "Primarily the new organization sets up the province of British Columbia, with its ever increasing importance in the Canadian economy, as a distinct region, and strengthens the control of the prairie region with its vast grain-producing areas and growing industrial centres."

"Looking at the general picture, it must be evident that the company's activities during 1947, which have included the preparation of comprehensive plans for further expansion in 1948 and less tangible preparations for further increase in facilities and operations in later years, have been on a scale adequate to the opportunities presenting themselves. There has to be a note of caution," Mr. Neal said. He referred to postponement of the building of new passenger liners until the general cost situation is clearer, and "that consideration is bound to affect all the company's expansion plans."

"Plans for physical improvements are of little use if they cannot be carried out for the lack of funds with which to finance them. The greatest confidence in the undoubted opportunities for the growth of Canada as a nation would not justify the undertaking of costly projects unless these could be justified by more than vague hopes of the future."

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**CATSUP**, Crosse and Blackwell, bottle 23¢  
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# Veterans Soon 'On Own' Will Need Citizens' Help

It is more than two years now since the Germans and Japs quit to end the Second World War and while citizens' rehabilitation committees across the length and breadth of the country have done an excellent job in the re-establishing of many of the more than 1,000,000 veterans back on "civvy street" their services are still greatly required.

W. S. Woods, deputy minister of Veterans' Affairs, paints a good picture of why the services of the rehabilitation councils, veterans clubs, and the public generally is needed in 1948 and future years.

"The reason for this is that we are now entering on what may well be a testing period for the entire rehabilitation program," he says.

The initial stage of the formula to fit soldiers, sailors and airmen back into the business and employment fields as designed in the rehabilitation scheme, has been successful.

Veterans have demonstrated with help their ability to accept their peacetime responsibilities, but with the coming of the new year, the "umbrella" which since discharge has given the ex-serviceman protection against unforeseen circumstances, will be largely withdrawn, the deputy minister warned.

## VETERANS SOON 'ON THEIR OWN'

"In other words, the time is drawing near when the veterans will be more and more on their own in so far as legislative aids are concerned. For instance, very few are still eligible for out-of-work benefits as most have been discharged beyond the 18-month statutory period, and the end of 1947 brings the ending of the right to apply for vocational training and for awaiting-returns allowances, with few exceptions."

The situation boils down to the fact that no longer in most cases can the Department of Veterans' Affairs provide a cash answer for problems which may arise in the future.

Mr. Woods notes that up to now, veterans re-establishing themselves in civilian life have been sailing with a pretty fair wind. While there is no present indication of any recession, if one should come, unquestionably many veterans will be adversely affected.

Few of them have been employed sufficiently long to attain any seniority in their positions, or with labor organizations. Many of them are still learning peacetime skills.

Should there be any measure of seasonal unemployment, the veteran will need a friend in his own home town.

He points to the millions of dollars in credits and personal funds veterans have poured into establishing businesses of their own "and they have done exceptionally well, chiefly because it has been a seller's market. They have not yet had the business education that comes with piloting a business through difficult times."

"These veterans will need assistance in buying, merchandising and keeping accurate business records. This can only be done on the community level," Mr. Woods said.

## JOBS OLDER VET PROBLEM

He notes the continuing problem of the older veteran. Each year in the immediate future will see 25,000 Canadians who served in the armed forces attain the age of 45—a difficult employment age.

"The department's recent campaign to secure work for jobless older veterans has shown the real assistance a strong community organization can be in educating employers of labor to the work capacity of the older men."

"There are still thousands of disabled veterans who have not yet come on the labor market. They will require a specialized form of assistance. In training and educational institutions there is still a very large group who have not yet entered the employment stream and they, too, will need the counsel and perhaps the active assistance of their fellow citizens."

The deputy minister said his unit was entering a period in departmental affairs where the veteran who has had difficulty adjusting to civilian life is becoming a greater part of the departmental work.

To meet the peculiar problem these ex-servicemen present, the department has organized a Social Service Division to co-ordinate departmental efforts with established social service agencies.

Already the S.S.D. has found citizens' committees of inestimable value.

"It is realized that with the mass job done, there is perhaps little need for regular, monthly or semi-monthly meetings. How-



Lieut. Bert Hall, Canadian-Scottish overseas veteran, whose battle-front wounding in World War II has left him paralyzed, at the hospital yesterday was enjoying a game of bridge with three other patients in one of the four neat sunrooms, all furnished by the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Scottish Regiment.



Charles G. McLaughlin, First-World War veteran in the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles from here, getting treatment with the latest type of respirators—a Blanshard mechanotherapist—to increase his circulation. Nurse Mary H. Martin, a naval nursing section veteran, attends him. The patient suffered an infected toe which impaired his circulation. He gets snuggled up in the instrument three times a day.

## Confined To Beds Veterans Face '48 Cheerfully

As 1947 comes to a close, a visit to the Victoria Veterans' Hospital—the fine \$1,000,000 institution on Richmond Avenue up-to-date with every modern convenience—finds many veterans of the two world wars' front lines on land and sea and in the air still confined to bed from wounds sustained in the service.

While a big majority are only temporary patients, hospitalized for recurrence of trouble from wounds or sicknesses suffered while in uniform, there are also some warriors of both conflicts who have never left their beds of pain, may not for a long time to come—or never.

The present patient population of 171 includes "Old Sweats" of the army who can tell stories of battle back to the days of Queen Victoria's reign... patients who, since the hospital opened this year, have ranged in former service ranks from private to general—but today rank is not known, all titles being "Mister."

One veteran who for a time was a patient in the hospital wrote the Department of Veterans' Affairs and paid a glowing tribute for what is being done for those who suffered wounds and sickness due to service, as he viewed it first hand, and to the attitude of those veterans whose lives have been permanently blighted by war.

"I found many of the gallant nurses and doctors, orderlies and others on the staff who knew what it was to land on assault beaches and put up with some of the same trials and tribulations borne by the fighting troops."

## THEY WHO ARE AMONG US

"Here the aim obviously is to do everything possible for 'they who are among us,'" he wrote. He speaks of the visits of kindness and good cheer by the ladies of the Red Cross, Salvation Army, women's auxiliaries of veterans' organizations, concert parties and others.

"If there are those among us who find that their lot in life... is not up to the standard they wish, I would ask them to move among the beds here and see at first hand youth who fought well and came home to carry on with a cheerful grin which shows through their pain, fully aware that the bed is their lot in life but comforted with the knowledge that everything possible is being done to aid them in their distress."

The veteran believes the Canadian veteran can consider himself well blessed because at the D.V.A. hospital one finds the spirit of kindness in action and all that medical science can command for their relief.

"May it endure—down through the years," he urged "for these are 'The Valiant' who counted cost, knew their chances and took them and now suffer stoically... so let us not grumble with our lot in life."

"These are men, men Canada can be justly proud of. For those who have 'crossed over' we can do little but remember them at dawn and with the setting of the sun."

"But for those who are still among us, we can silently pray for their recovery and think a while on the absolute futility of war," he concluded.

composed of specialists in every line in the business world, and real estate experts had done a great deal in advising veterans about the ventures they had ambitions to embark on or homes they wished to buy after an investigation into plans contemplated.

The council's record shows that 2,500 veterans have passed through the office on matters covering a wide range of the rehabilitation program this year.

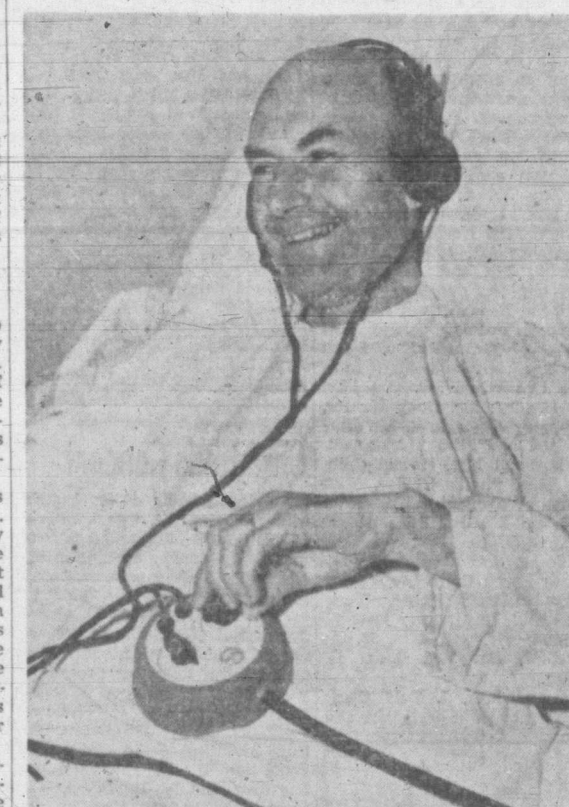
Mr. Palmer noted the council keeps in close contact with D.V.A.'s Casualty Rehabilitation Section as there were special problems for the citizens' group to cope with in this branch.

The energetic secretary said he hoped the veterans would retain their confidence in the council and continue to call at the Post Office Building fourth-floor office about their problems. "We will always do our best to steer them onto the right road."

Mr. Palmer was particularly gratified with the attitude of the great majority of veterans and wives who come to see them. "We have only had difficulty with 2 per cent of them," he



War veteran Maj. Fred Richardson, famous Bisley shot, suffering from a stroke, was snapped in the occupational therapy department in charge of Nurse J. E. Bradshaw. He is cutting wool used in hooking for rugs made in this section of the hospital. Mrs. Bradshaw pointed out all the crafts done in the department are for remedial purposes.



Thomas Hogg, formerly of the prairies and now with the B.C. Power Commission, getting near the dip-patient class after treatment for a severe attack of asthma. Adjutant of the engineers' training centre at Regina and Dundurn and with Maj.-Gen. W. W. Foster in the Alaska Highway sector during the war, Mr. Hogg was listening to a radio program via earphones. Every bed in the hospital has a similar radio set-up. Four stations can be tuned in to a central unit on the main floor.

## 'Thanks For Help'—D.V.A.

During his most recent up-island trip, Maj. Stan Okell, assistant district administrator for D.V.A. on the island, says he realized more than ever the great value of local citizens' advisory committees and individual representatives.

"They have been and will continue to be a very necessary link between the veteran and the D.V.A. I feel that on the island, both the veterans and the department have been fortunate in having such sincere understanding men and women to assist them."

The assistant administrator reports the Victoria C.R.C. with the biggest job to handle, but also that individuals and groups of citizens work with the department in Sidney, Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Parksville, Courtenay-Comox area, Campbell River, Alberni and at Zeballos and Tofino.

In his year-ending message, Maj. Okell also wished to express his appreciation to officials of veterans' organizations for helpful co-operation throughout.

"They have been an integral part of our organization, lending assistance time after time in clearing up cases. He suggests to the organizations they make it known to all their members they are at liberty to consult members of the department's advisory committees concerning their individual problems at any time. Advice and guidance will be readily given.

"I see the advisory committees

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## Crystal Garden New Year's Eve Dance To Have Happy Crowd

A special innovation at the Crystal Garden on New Year's Eve will see the public address system extended to allow dancing on the floors at either end of the pool. Reservations, completed as far back as the middle of October, include Mr. and Mrs. W. Sorenson with a no-host party, Mr. and Mrs. John Kibben, Mr. and Mrs. Art Kibben, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lea, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rankin, Misses Doreen Kent-Pox, Mary Kerr, Evelyn Moore, Mrs. Nora Whitehouse, Messrs. Colin Tyrell, Les Bridge, Trevor Lee and Norman Hepworth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Framer will be host and hostess to a party of 30, including Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Neuman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Noble Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bonner, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McKicking, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Hourigan, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Scroggs, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Currie, Miss Hazel Ledson and Mr. Ken Bonner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lacey will be in a party with Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Don Heywood, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goodsell, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Constable, Mr. and Mrs. Bell Lindenback, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Gene

Lambourne, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pelon, Miss Viola Painter. With them will be Miss Jean Gagne, Mr. Ron Warren and Mrs. Joe Turner, of Port Alberni.

A no-host party arranged by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Copley will include Mr. and Mrs. E. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Karaglanis, Mr. and Mrs. George Goy, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sorenson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Candy, Miss H. McDonald and Mr. Ken Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Skipper will entertain at their home, 141 Gladstone Avenue, prior to taking their guests to the Crystal Garden dance. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Saire, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Griffiths, Miss Geraldine Godwin, Mr. Gerald Sommers, Miss Joyce Clark and Mr. Norman Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Loudon will be in a party with Mr. and Mrs. G. Dalby, Mr. and Mrs. A. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. N. Beck, Miss Doris Renick and Mr. Henry Neilson. Mr. and Mrs. Les Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Morry Gwynne, Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Smith and W.O.I. Gordon Hunter will complete a party. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown have arranged a party with Mr. and Mrs. V. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Politano, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Politano, and Mr. and Mrs. Micky McWilliams.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stone will have in their party Mr. and Mrs. R. Belaire, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dalziel, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lapp, Misses E. Kerr, S. Grace, E. Gohn, J. Gibson, M. Bradshaw, M. Becker, K. Taylor and Messrs. J. Smith, A. Davies, C. Watkins, D. Patterson, D. Stuart, G. Holland, B. Hoskyn and J. Rossiter.

## Engagements

The marriage between Miss Jane Claribel Charlesworth, daughter of Mrs. W. F. Gold and Mr. Ralph Karl Powell of Victoria son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Powell, of Powell River, will be solemnized on Thursday, Jan. 1, 1948, in the Anglican Church, Sidney, B.C., at 8 p.m.

## Happy Valley Home For Bride, Groom



Following their return from a honeymoon on the mainland, Mr. and Mrs. William Ernest Webster, who were married in St. John's Church Dec. 20, plan to make their home at Happy Valley. Mrs. Webster is the former Diane St. Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Sinclair, 1228 Oxford Street.

## Colwood Golf Club Welcomes New Year

Colwood Golf Club, bright with greenery, and seasonal decorations will see a gay crowd of members and friends gather to welcome in the new year. There will be dancing and a buffet supper at midnight with noisemakers and favors to add to the merriment.

Among those who will attend will be Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Ditchburn accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams with Mr. and Mrs. Noel Robinson of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rumby, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Croft and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Croft, Sr., in a party of six.

Among no-host parties will be that of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hunnington, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Green and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hendry; Mr. Doug Hunter, Miss Mary Englehardt, Mr. Earl Morrison and Miss Marion Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gumbert, Miss Phyllis Taylor, Miss Phyllis Wakefield, Mr. Ross Welsh and Mr. Jim Pildesley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arsens will be hosts at a cocktail party at their Beach Drive home prior to the Colwood dance. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. K. Severson, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Brayshaw, Mr. and Mrs. H. Yeadon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Clark will have in their party Mr. and

Mrs. Gordon Lough, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ross, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaw, Miss Barbara Shaw and Mr. Neville Cawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. John McCormac will join Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Souther, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Souter, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. B. Jaggard and Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Nunns.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Okell will attend with a party which they will entertain at cocktail at their home in the Savoy Mansions earlier in the evening. Their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yardley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Browett, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Russell, Miss Viola Cathcart and Mr. Bob Davies.

Others who will attend the Colwood dance include Mr. and Mrs. Earle C. Heale, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Orick Winter, Mrs. Viola McPhee, Mrs. Sylvester, Mr. Tom Armstrong and Mr. Van Allen.

## Christmas Concert

Sunday Schools of St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill, and St. Peter's Mission, Lake Hill, held a Christmas party Monday evening in St. Luke's Hall, which was decorated for the occasion by the A.Y.P.A.

Rev. Frederic Pike, as chairman, welcomed the large gathering of parents and friends, who enjoyed the following program: piano solos, K. Yarwood, J. Dawson, B. Tilly and E. Sudlow; vocal, D. Gray, J. Dawson, S. Reid, M. Brimacombe, and a trio consisting of K. Custance, A. Spedding and M. Currie. A humorous letter was read by D. Mitchell; primary classes of St. Luke's gave "A Christmas Hymn"; a play, "The Carolers," by St. Peter's Sunday School, included as cast, Elizabeth Harrison and Charles Borden in leading roles with a group of carol singers supporting them off-stage.

A comedy was presented by J. Priddle, D. Drury, D. Lambert and M. Mitchell of St. Luke's Sunday School, and two interesting B.C. Government Travel Bureau films in technicolor were shown by Rev. K. L. Sandcock. Christmas stockings were distributed to each child at conclusion of the program.

## Naval, Military Circles Welcome In New Year

Capt. W. B. Creery, C.B.E., commanding officer, with officers of H.M.C.S. Royal Roads, will be hosts tonight at a New Year Eve ball in the officers' wardroom. There will be 300 guests. Prior to the ball, Capt. and Mrs. Creery will entertain at a buffet supper at their Royal Roads home for 18 guests, and Cmdr. W. Ogle and Mrs. Ogle will be hosts at their home, H.M.C.S. Royal Roads, when guests will be

Cmdr. and Mrs. C. C. Cook, Capt. and Mrs. W. Redford, Mr. and Mrs. T. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. J. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. D. Wickett, and Miss Peggy Miller.

Lt.-Col. R. D. Travis, M.B.E., E.D., officer commanding, with other officers of the Canadian Scottish Regiment, will be hosts tonight at the traditional New Year's Eve dance in the officers' mess at the Armouries.

## Victoria Golf Club En Fete Tonight

Among those entertaining at cocktail parties prior to the New Year's Eve dance at the Victoria Golf Club are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Haylies, who will hold "open house" at their home on Oliver Street; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newcombe who will entertain 14 guests at a cocktail party at their Beach Drive home; Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Sills, Windsor Road, who will be hosts at a small supper party; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Osborne, who will hold a cocktail party for 10 of their friends at their Sea-View Road home and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

Ross, who will also entertain at a cocktail party at their home on Cadboro Bay Road. Others who have made reservations to attend the dance are Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. G. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bay Castle, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Collyson, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Fraser, Mr. J. H. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Heisterman, Lieut. and Mrs. F. C. Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harris, Mrs. K. L. Boorman, Cmdr. M. A. Wood and Mrs. Wood, Mr. J. D. D. Campbell, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Munro.

## New Year's Eve Party At Yacht Club

Club colors in blue and white streamers with balloons and decorative motifs on the walls, have been used in the lounge at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club for the annual New Year's Eve dance. Dave Fern's orchestra will supply dance music. There will be a supper served with the usual favors and noisemakers to welcome 1948. Commodore Andrew Wright and Mrs. Wright will have in their party, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Young, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Bissett, Mr. and Mrs. Gladwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gully, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harrington and Mr. J. Holden. Mr. and Mrs. D. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams will be in a party of six. Capt. Germain, Lieut. and Mrs. Germain and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have made up a party, also Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alexander and

Mr. and Mrs. R. Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green will be with Mr. and Mrs. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Liddell, Capt. and Mrs. Bromley, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rogers, and Dr. and Mrs. E. Nickells. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Williams and Capt. Gallagher will be together, also Mr. and Mrs. E. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. F. Porter. A party of eight will include Mr. and Mrs. A. E. James, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. James, Mr. and Mrs. E. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Davies. In a foursome will be Mr. and Mrs. W. Thorpe and Mr. and Mrs. G. Sutherland. Another large group will include Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kershaw, Mr. E. F. Nickells, Mr. J. Moran, Mr. G. Holland and Mr. A. C. Evans. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Howard will have in their party, Miss Dagmar Bendrodt and Mr. James McIntyre.

Miss Louise Armstrong is a visitor from Vancouver, guest at Parkview Manor, for the holidays.

Miss Joan Bayne and Miss Rosemary Hodgins, both of Vancouver, are guests of Miss Jean Plaunt, Denison Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ham of Vancouver have been guests of Mrs. Ham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Glen, Island Highway, Langford, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holms have returned to the city after a wedding trip to Portland and Seattle. Mrs. Holms is the former Miss Betty McArdle.

P.O. E. R. Freedy, R.C.N., and Mrs. Freedy entertained many friends during the holiday season at a party at the home of Mrs. A. Smyly, 644 Beach Drive.

Mrs. Allan Bishop and her daughter Jane, who have been visiting relatives in Victoria and Langford, have returned to their home in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie, who have spent the past week at the home of Mrs. McKenzie's parents at Langford, left yesterday for Alberni.

Matron (NS) Fay Rutledge, with nursing officers, H.M.C.S. Naden, entertained friends at an "At Home," Monday afternoon, after-five, at the nurses' residence.

Miss Belva Menzies of Provo, Utah, and Mr. A. E. McIntosh of Seattle are spending the holiday season with Mr. McIntosh's mother, Mrs. K. McIntosh, 2265 Tinto Street.

Miss Grace Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alastair Campbell of Winnipeg, formerly of Victoria, has arrived in Victoria for the New Year holiday. She is the guest of Miss Barbara Mae Lipsey, 6urck Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Wood will be hosts to a party of six at the special New Year's Eve dinner dance to be held at Chez Marcel Inn this evening. Their guests will be Miss Kay Brandon, Miss Audrey McCormick, Mr. Brian Fession and Mr. Wilfred Bates. Another party will include Miss Beverly Dutot, Miss Dot Millard, Miss Lorraine Cornish, Mr. Bill Floyd, Mr. Harry Millard and Mr. Peter Perram. Others with reservations to attend are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Noble with a party of 14; Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur Dando with a party of 18; Mr. T. Stancombe with a party of four; Mr. F. W. Sparks of Sidney with a party of eight; and Mr. E. Tomlin with a party of six.

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Mrs. Byron Johnson, wife of the newly-named Premier of the province, already affectionately known to many as "Mrs. Boss," expresses the great wish-of-all when she writes:

"I welcome this opportunity to extend to the women of British Columbia my sincere and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. May we hope and pray that in the year which lies ahead the strife and misunderstanding which exists among other nations be removed and the peace and happiness which is our good fortune will in some measure be enjoyed by the troubled peoples of this unsettled world."



Mrs. Percy E. George, wife of Victoria's mayor has the community's well being in her thought:

"As the New Year approaches it is a pleasure indeed to take this opportunity of extending New Year greetings to the women of Greater Victoria. May your desire be such and your blessings many as to permit you time and energy to carry on your excellent endeavors toward community well being and in so doing find health and contentment during 1948."

Mrs. Gordon McG. Sloan, wife of the Hon. Chief Justice of British Columbia, also has a thought for the peoples of the world as she expresses the old-time meaning of New Year's greetings:

"In past days when the pattern of living reached into a well-ordered future, the greeting 'A Happy New Year' carried with it a simple message of good cheer."

"In these troublesome times the phrase is heavy with a greater meaning."

"It means to millions of people the essentials of food and clothing and shelter."

"It means the lifting of menacing clouds of distrust, suspicion and fear shadowing the spirits of those whose daily living brings to them the constant reminder of the devastation that an arbitrament of war exacts in full and bitter measure."

"It means peace to peoples suffering in lands agonized and torn by internal strife."

"So when we greet our own friends with the old wish, let us remember, too, those others whose hearts yearn with a shining hope for 'A Happy New Year' in all its true meaning."

Miss Athale Frazier, secretary of the Women's Undergraduate Society, Victoria College, with all the exuberance of youth, approaches her New Year's wishes in a novel and original manner:

"I hereby resolve, say thousands every New Year's Eve—but exactly how many ever carry out their good intentions? Who knows, perhaps this year will be different. Nevertheless, here are a few of those hopeful introductions that never quite work out."

"Resolved primarily by all good college students to study each lecture every night and to read summer reading in the summer."

"Resolved by every steno to catch the early morning bus in order to be at the office on time, and to lacquer her fingernails at home."

"Resolved by each and every semi-fanatic fisherman to put tackle, flies and all rigamarole applicable to that sport, in order, before the next season."

"Resolved by all little boys with dogs, to feed them on time before their hungry pet chews tradesmen's, postman's and innocent bystanders' legs."

"Resolved by everyone with an alarm clock and a sleepy personality to set the morning alarm."

"Resolved by husbands to hang their overcoats in the closet before their wives have a chance to tell them to do so."

"Resolved by all to start their next Christmas shopping this month instead of wallowing through the crowded department stores the week before Christmas."

"It is perhaps the younger generation who makes the most bright-eyed resolutions and who remembers about them when they fail. With experience and the addition of a few years, they will probably find, unless the fountain of youth is shortly discovered, that it is better not to form resolution-requiring habits, then to break them, in order to achieve a happy New Year."



Mrs. R. W. Mayhew has a thought for the children and for home life:

"The end of a year brings no great upheaval, it comes and goes quietly, but it does bring us face to face, with great responsibilities. There is much in the world today, to regret and grieve over, but Paul says, 'forgetting those things, which are behind, we must reach forth, unto: those things, which are before.'"

"Now, with all its opportunities and freshness, a New Year spreads before us; what shall we make of it? The Christian message, given nearly 2,000 years ago—'Peace on earth, goodwill toward men,' came at the dawn, of the first year and Christ was sent on earth to teach men how it could be done. Looking at our world today, we realize how little we have followed those teachings. Yet that message, is just as vital to humanity today, as it was that first calendar year. So, my simple message, is a plea, to all Christian women, particularly young mothers, to teach these truths of Christ, and His way of living, to those in your homes, so that your children may go into the world, fortified and strong, for the temptations, that surround them today. Our youth needs nothing more than a Christian upbringing taught in a Christian home."

"If all women would strive to do this the promise of 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward Men,' might some day be fulfilled, and at last we would realize a truly Happy New Year."

Mrs. John Hart, wife of the former Premier of British Columbia, is proud of the women of this province:

"At this season it is customary to pause for reflection, and in so doing, we must be truly thankful for the freedom, and comforts which are ours to enjoy. This, however, only serves to emphasize the plight of the less fortunate ones in other parts of the world."

"As a native daughter of Victoria, and as one who has been in close contact with the people of our province, I am, indeed, proud, not only of the great contribution made by women of British Columbia towards the winning of the war, but also of their work in the postwar period. Particularly I refer to the efforts made to ameliorate the sufferings and privations of women and children of Great Britain and the European countries."

"Let us then meet the New Year with confidence and a determination to continue to make sacrifices in order that we may share our abundance with the unfortunate and undernourished in other parts of the world."

"To all I extend my warmest wish a very happy and prosperous New Year."

Mrs. Nancy Hodges, M.L.A., writes a hopeful wish with an optimistic pen:

"As we stand at the threshold of 1948, on this third New Year's Eve since the official end of the Second World War, the more pessimistic among us may find little cause for rejoicing."

"But the optimistic will take heart from those almost obscure, infinitesimal signs which suggest that the world, while still wracked by the postwar sufferings that naturally follow in the wake of a global conflict, is slowly but painfully recovering. 'And we in Canada, who have so much for which to be thankful, will, I hope, find not only health, happiness and continued prosperity awaiting us in 1948, but also the opportunity to continue the role of Good Samaritan to those who so sorely need our succor.'"

"Finally above all else, I hope that the coming year will bring the answer to that prayer in which every thinking person will join tonight: 'Give peace in our time, O Lord.'"

Mrs. C. Eva Ford, representing the many chapters of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, as regent of Municipal Chapter, quotes from an address given by the Princess Elizabeth:

"On behalf of the members

of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire in Victoria, I extend greetings to all the citizens of this city, who by their generosity have so greatly helped the order in all its objectives through the war and peace years.

"To express my heartfelt good wishes to the women of Victoria for 1948—may I be permitted to quote from the speech made by Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her 21st birthday last April. 'If we all go forward with an unwavering faith, a high courage and a quiet heart we shall be able to make of this ancient Commonwealth which we all love so dearly an even grander thing, more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers. To accomplish this we must give nothing less than the whole of our selves.'"

## Club Calendar

Camosun Chapter, I.O.D.E., nomination of officers and councillors, Friday at 2:15, headquarters, Memorial Hall.

Sooke and North Sooke Women's Institute, Friday, in Sooke Community Hall dining-room at 8. Appointment of conveners for 1948.

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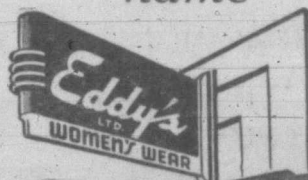
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## Wallace Campaign Seen As Increasing Democrat Activity

WASHINGTON (AP)—A return of Democratic Party machinery to "regular" control in key political states was forecast today by Senator John Sparkman (Dem.-Ala.) after Henry A. Wallace's independent bid for the presidency of the United States.

Sparkman, who headed the Congressional speakers' bureau in the 1946 campaign, said he believes Wallace's third-party campaign will have the "healthy effect" of increasing Democratic Party activity.

Sparkman said he thinks the Democrats relied too strongly on American Labor Party help in New York in the past. The A.L.P. may endorse Wallace, but in doing so would lose a large segment of its strength by the departure of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who oppose a third party.

Wallace, meanwhile, continued his way on a presidential campaign which, officially at least, has a six-month jump on either of his major party rivals. They will not be chosen until later in the year.

Where any third party ticket would get its official start remained in doubt. Some pointed to the organization meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America, scheduled for Jan. 16 in Chicago, as a possible base.

With or without a formal ticket, Wallace seemed likely to get on the ballot in key states. If he gets the A.L.P. endorsement in New York, he will need no further action there.

Although the third party's financial outlook apparently is not bright, Wallace himself says he is not worried about money.

Writing in a New Republic editorial, which also announced his resignation as editor, he said:

"I know that we shall get millions of dollars donated by housewives, stenographers, professional people, workers and shop stewards, and others who will work with a devotion big money can't buy."

## Report On Stars To American Centre

Dr. J. A. Pearce and Dr. Elsa Van Dien of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory on Little Saanich Mountain have forwarded their findings as to the speed of the Pleiades star cluster—commonly known as the Seven Sisters—to the American Astronomical Society's headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

From studies conducted during the summer and autumn months, the two astronomers have ascertained the speed of rotation in the cluster varies from 80 miles per second to 135 miles per second.

The sun rotates only about one and one-half miles per second while the earth goes around 15 miles per second.

The two Dominion astronomers based their calculations on the width of spectral lines around the stars in the cluster.

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## Fire To End Career Of City Tug Sadie

The veteran coastal tug Sadie, first of the Victoria Tug Co., Ltd. fleet, is to be burned. Decommissioned at the beginning of World War II, the 70-foot Sadie is now tied up near the Point Hope Shipyards in the Inner Harbor awaiting her end.

The tug was built by William J. Stephens in 1892 at Spratt's Wharf, where Manning Lumber Mills Ltd. is now located. Her engines were built here by the Albion Iron Works but have been removed.

During her service on this coast she earned a considerable reputation for herself and carried granite foundation stones for the Legislative Buildings from Haddington Island in the Gulf of Georgia. She was also the vessel which discovered a gold-laden U.S. ship returning from the Klondike gold rush of 1897 and 1898 and lost in a heavy fog in the Juan de Fuca Strait. Throughout her coastal service, she operated out of Victoria to Vancouver Island points and the mainland.

## 168,397 Vehicles Licensed In B.C.

Six hundred and thirty-one new commercial and 1,362 new passenger vehicles were registered in British Columbia during November, bringing the total number of licensed vehicles in the province to an all-time record of 168,397.

On Nov. 30, 1946, there were 142,365 private, passenger and commercial vehicles registered. Report of the motor-vehicle office showed today that the province's motorcycle registration at the end of last month was 4,255, compared with 2,888

at the corresponding date of 1946. Also registered at last month-end were 9,315 trailers, compared with 8,046 on the same day of last year. At the same time the office reported the number of British Columbians licensed to drive motor cars at an all-time high of 244,742—an increase of 27,148 over the corresponding date of 1946.

## The Corporation of the District of Saanich Notice To Saanich Residents

Commencing January 2nd, 1948, services at the Victoria Public Library will again be available to residents of Saanich.

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# Chief Events Of Year 1947 Throughout World

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## JANUARY

1—Nationalization of British coal mines effective.  
2—Violence flares in Jerusalem.  
3—Vast storm in Pacific over 250,000 square miles, causes property damage, no casualties.  
4—Forty-three killed when Chinese airliner crashes near Tientsin.  
5—U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes resigns, effective Jan. 10.  
6—Privy Council in London upholds projected bill to make Supreme Court of Canada final court of appeal in Dominion.  
7—Britain and France to conclude military alliance.  
8—Vincent Auriol elected first President of Fourth French Republic.  
9—Texts of peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Finland released by Big Four Council.  
10—Gen. George C. Marshall sworn in as U.S. Secretary of State.  
11—British women and children ordered evacuated from Palestine.  
12—Evacuation convoys of British women and children move out of Jerusalem.  
13—Ellen Wilkinson, 55, minister of education in British Labor government, dies at London.  
14—Four million jobs in British fuel crisis, drastic electricity cuts put into effect; peace treaties with Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland signed by Allies.  
15—Wartime co-operation of Canada and United States for North American defence to be continued during peace.  
16—Fifty-three killed when Colombian airliner crashes on El Tapazo Cliff en route from Baranquilla to Bogota.  
17—British royal family lands at Capetown.  
18—British government to refer Palestine problem to United Nations General Assembly.  
19—Poland and France sign five-year "friendship and cultural agreement."  
20—British government to leave India by June, 1948.  
21—Russia approves United States control of 623 Pacific islands formerly Japanese; Deputies of foreign ministers end six-week conference in London without agreeing on German peace treaty procedure.

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## APRIL

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2—Britain formally hands Palestine problem to United Nations.  
3—Henry Ford, 83, dies at Detroit.  
4—One hundred and thirty-two dead, 1,073 injured when tornado sweeps Texas and Oklahoma.  
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reign; Crown Prince Frederick succeeds.  
10—Eighty-six-mile-an-hour wind hits United Kingdom, oil tanker Santa Maria sunk, 42 lost.  
11—British royal family leaves Capetown for home; Council of Foreign Ministers concludes meeting at Moscow; use of gas and electricity for heating banned in England.  
12—First special session of United Nations Assembly opens to study Palestine problem; Poland and Britain to sign \$232,000,000 trade pact.

## MAY

1—War crimes indictments at Nuremberg charge I. G. Farben combine with making cartel arrangements to weaken the United States.  
2—Two hundred and fifty-one prisoners freed at Jerusalem prison when Jewish terrorists blast walls.  
3—British bill to nationalize all inland transport given third reading.  
4—Brazil rules Communist Party illegal.  
5—Protest strike against food shortage in British-occupied zone of Germany; bill authorizing \$400,000,000 aid to Greece and Turkey passes U.S. House of Representatives.  
6—British Royal Family reaches London from South Africa.  
7—Protest strike spreads to United States zone of Germany; Italian cabinet of Premier Alcide De Gasperi resigns.  
8—Eleven-member fact-finding commission on Palestine set up by United Nations.  
9—U.S. food ships reach German ports, relieving food crisis.  
10—Partition of India prepared in special British cabinet session.  
11—Forty-eight killed in plane crash at La Guardia airport, New York.  
12—Fifty-three killed in worst plane disaster ever in North America; 173 dead, 30 injured in two days of aviation disasters throughout world; Premier De Gasperi of Italy excludes Communists from cabinet.  
13—Pro-Communist Lajos Dinnyes becomes premier of Hungary after resignation of Ferenc Nagy.  
14—Thirty-five dead in Arkansas tornado.  
15—Britain announces offer of Dominion status and its acceptance by Indian leaders.  
16—Palestine Stern gang admits plot on Britons by "explosive letters," King and Queen to be guarded; U.S. State Secretary Marshall describes in speech to Harvard University Alumni a new program of European reconstruction—first project of the Marshall Plan.  
17—Mississippi floods cause 23 deaths and render 22,000 homeless.  
18—Moslem League Council at New Delhi accepts British plan for new Moslem state.  
19—Fifty killed in crash of Capital Airlines plane en route from Chicago to Washington.  
20—All-Indian Congress party agrees to division of India into Hindustan and Pakistan.  
21—Russia walks out for second time in United Nations history after clash in Military Staff Committee.  
22—Seventy-one dead in two days of communal rioting in India.  
23—Greece, before United Nations Security Council, charges Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania with aggression; Viscount Bennett, Canada's prime minister, 1930-35, dies in England, aged 76.  
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3—India Independence Bill introduced in British House of Commons.  
4—King announces engagement of Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, R.N.  
5—Czechoslovakia and Russia announce five-year trade agreement.  
6—Conference of 16 nations on Marshall Plan decides to prepare survey of Europe's needs by Sept. 1.  
7—British pound sterling, with some limitations, becomes convertible into all other currencies for current transactions.  
8—Indian Independence Bill passed by British House of Lords.  
9—More than 600 missing after ferryboat Ramdas sinks in Bombay harbor.  
10—Largest contingent of illegal Jewish immigrants, 4,550, arrive at Haifa after sea battle with naval landing party.  
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3—William P. Odum, 27, lands

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4—Irgun Lval Leumi, Jewish underground, announces hanging of two British sergeants captured July 12; United Nations Security Council orders hearing on Indonesian dispute.  
5—Enraged British soldiers

fire on Jews at Tel Aviv, killing five, injuring 18.  
6—Canada and Italy exchange ministers.  
7—Three thousand Swift Canadian Company workers strike in six Canadian cities; announce increase in individual canning sugar ration.  
8—Tornado strikes for 70 miles east and south of Gooderham, Ont., one killed.  
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10—Reconstruction Minister Howe announces Chalk River atomic energy plant producing radio-isotopes.  
11—House also announces new discoveries of uranium in Canadian north.  
12—Bishop G. F. Kingston of Nova Scotia, 58, elected Anglican Primate of All Canada.  
13—Meat-packing strike affects Montreal, Edmonton, Vancouver and Toronto.  
14—Government announces Canada's candidacy for membership on Security Council of United Nations.  
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19—Prices Board announces end of meatless days.

1—Approximately one-third of controlled goods and services removed from price ceilings, including motor vehicles, coal and footwear.  
2—Donald MacLean sentenced at Hamilton to five years for being accessory after the fact in Dick murder.  
3—J. A. Strong appointed Canadian ambassador to Peru.  
4—Most Rev. D. T. Owen, 70, Anglican Archbishop of Toronto and Primate of All Canada, dies.  
5—Dana Wilgress vacates ambassadorship to Russia.  
6—Toronto Maple Leafs win Stanley Cup, defeating Canadiens four games to two.  
7—Twelve men lose lives when trapped by fire at East Malartic (Que.) Gold Mine.  
8—Budget presented to Commons; income tax cut averages 29 per cent, effective July 1; excess profits tax removed; T.C.A. plane with 15 persons aboard missing en route from Lethbridge to Vancouver.  
9—Prices Board announces butter price increased 10 cents a pound, effective May 1.

1—Bill of Rights effective in Saskatchewan, making criminal offences acts of discrimination on religious, racial or color grounds; Commons gives third reading to government control bill continuing number of wartime orders-in-council for another year.  
2—Barbara Ann Scott required to return Ottawa's gift car to comply with Olympic amateur standing; Most Rev. P. J. Monahan, 65, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Regina, dies.  
3—Parquhar Oliver elected Ontario Liberal Party leader.  
4—Ninety-nine-day-old Maritime coal strike ends.  
5—Maritime coal miners called out on strike again.

1—Last of 100 Polish girls arrive for work in St. Georges de Beauce, Que.  
2—Canada Steamship Line freighter Emperor sinks off Isle Royale, 12 persons die; Rev. C. H. MacDonald, Lucknow, Ont., elected Presbyterian Church Moderator.  
3—Most Rev. Maurice Roy appointed Archbishop of Quebec.  
4—Butter ration lifted and many goods and services, including honey, cheese, restaurant meals freed from price control.  
5—MacKenzie King completes 20 years as Prime Minister, record for Canada; President Truman, wife and daughter reach Canada for three-day visit.  
6—President Truman addresses joint session of Senate and Commons.  
7—Striking Nova Scotia coal miners return to work.  
8—Marion Congress opens at Ottawa.  
9—Government removes rental and eviction control from domestic accommodation completed after Jan. 1, 1947.  
10—Government increases sugar ration; Canada-Newfoundland conference opens at Ottawa.  
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## Ice Basketball With Football Touch



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## Jack Kramer Finally Whips Bobby Riggs

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jack Kramer believes he'll wind up the victor in his first professional tennis tour if the lighting is as good as it was here last night when he notched his initial triumph over Bobby Riggs, king of the professionals.

The 1947 amateur champion and Davis Cup hero credited better lighting at the arena for

the deadly accuracy of his overhead, which played a major role in his 6-4, 6-4 decision over bounding Bobby.

Cleveland's largest tennis crowd, 5,664 fans, contributed to a gate of \$9,227.

## U.B.C. BEATEN

VANCOUVER (CP) — Pacific Lutheran College staged off a late rally by University of British Columbia Thunderbirds to gain a close 30 to 39 decision in an exhibition basketball game Tuesday.

## Aerial Attacks Will Highlight Bowl Battles

## Gilmers, Laynes, Conerlys Promise Brilliant Play In U.S. Football

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR  
NEW YORK (AP)—Picking the bowl game stars on New Year's Eve is like selecting your Christmas turkey on the fourth of July but it's a safe bet that most of the backfield honors in tomorrow's gridiron classic will be distributed among the boys who flip the passes.

After a season in which all the collegiate records for completing and throwing forward passes were broken, it was only natural that teams owning the most high powered aerial artists should wind up with lucrative bowl assignments.

Unless they are hobbled by very bad weather, an extra good defense, or both, it is highly probable that the Gilmers, Laynes and Conerlys will outline the fellows who think the only way to advance the ball is to carry it down the field.

In addition to the assortment of established hurlers, most of whom could cap a brilliant season with one more display of

aerial wizardry, there is always the possibility that some obscure fourth-string sub might steal the show as Southern California's Doyle Nave did against Duke in the 1939 Rose Bowl fray.

Michigan's favored Wolverines may be handicapped in the aerial department when they collide with Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., tomorrow if All-America Bob Chappuis, their principal pitcher, fails to recover fully from a practice injury received this week.

Chappuis threw 84 passes during Michigan's all-victorious nine-game season, completing 48 of them for 976 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Operating against him, the Trojans will have Jim Powers, who connected on 46 of his 89 passes for 581 yards and five touchdowns, as well as George Murphy, who tried 71 forwards and completed 42 for 422 yards and a touchdown in the bargain.

The most brilliant display of

aerial fireworks may be touched off in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans when Texas and Bobby Layne hook up with Alabama and Harry Gilmer.

Gilmer tossed 93 passes in Alabama's 10 regular season games and completed 57 of them for a percentage of 61.3, highest among all the collegiate passers. His completions covered 610 yards and five touchdowns.

Layne did even better in all respects except accuracy. He made good on 63 of the 115 passes he tried, accounting for 963 yards and nine touchdowns.

Penn State, which depended almost entirely on a running game for the perfect record it will carry into the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex., may discover that All-America Doak Walker is merely the second best passer on

the Southern Methodist team it takes on tomorrow.

Walker completed 30 of 52 passes for 344 yards and two touchdowns but his teammate, Gil Johnson, hurled 77 passes, completing 43 of them for 564 yards and five touchdowns.

Kansas goes into the Orange Bowl tussle at Miami, Fla., with a well known passer in All-America Ray Evans, whose 30 completions in 50 attempts netted 598 yards and four touchdowns. But Georgia Tech, the Jayhawk Orange Bowl foe, boasts a tosser with an even better record. He is Jim Still, who completed 42 out of 74 for 545 yards and six touchdowns.

## TOP BATTERY

The Delta Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., of course, will have the

top collegiate grid battery of all time in Mississippi's Charlie Conerly and Barney Poole. Conerly set new records by throwing 233 passes and completing 133 of them for 1,367 yards and 18 touchdowns and Poole caught 52 of them, including eight of the touchdown passes.

But Texas Christian will not be at a complete disadvantage in the air against Ole Miss as long as it had Lindy Berry, who completed 32 of 70 passes this season for 437 yards and three touchdowns.

In the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., it will be Georgia's Johnny Rauch, who outranked all by completing 98 of 181 for 1,332 yards and 10 touchdowns, against Vic Turyn of Maryland, who succeeded on 32 of 69 heaves for 524 yards and six touchdowns with a club that moves chiefly along the ground.

Passes also may play an important part in the East-West all-star game at San Francisco, with

all-America Johnny Lujack of Notre Dame leading the eastern backfield forces and Herman Wedemeyer, former All-America at St. Mary's, heading the western crew.

Lujack tossed 109 passes for the all-victorious Irish, completing 61 for 791 yards and nine touchdowns, while Wedemeyer also tried 109, but connected on only 47 for 691 yards and five touchdowns.

The remainder of the bowl line-up tomorrow will find William and Mary and Arkansas in the Dixie Bowl at Birmingham, Ala., Texas Tech and Miami (Ohio) in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., North Texas and Nevada in the Salad Bowl at Phoenix, Ariz., West Chester (Pa.) Teachers and Missouri Valley in the Cigar Bowl at Tampa, Fla., San Diego State and Hardin-Simmons in the Harbor Bowl at Fresno, Cal., and Catawba vs. Marshall (W.Va.) in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla.

## More East-West Play For University Squads

WINNIPEG (CP) — Possible settlement looms in the long-time squabble between east and west over whose inter-university teams are to be considered Dominion champions.

A recommendation fresh from committee debate goes today before the 11th annual conference of the National Federation of Canadian University Students urging as much Dominion-wide intervarsity athletic competition as is possible.

In the past, the east usually has dubbed its champion football, tennis and hockey teams the inter-university champions. The west, operating through the Western Canada Inter-University Athletic Union, has considered its top teams as champions of that organization alone but has been irked considerably by tendencies of the east to assume top ranking.

Distance always has been a barrier to actual east-west competition and in some sports superiority of the east has made it a foregone conclusion winners of the eastern varsity circuit are best in the Dominion.

An excellent example are the drubblings handed Saskatchewan and Alberta universities by the Toronto Blue's football squad in exhibition games last fall.

But in 1946 a potent University of Saskatchewan men's tennis team easily knocked over its opposition at Manitoba and Alberta and challenged the eastern champs for the Dominion title. McGill, eastern winner that year, already had assumed the intervarsity crown and managed to turn back Saskatchewan by a narrow margin. Closeness of the competition was an eye-opener for east.

The committee also urges a Dominion-wide code of playing rules and regulations and a Dominion-wide standard of eligibility rules for athletes competing in inter-university sport. It also urges that member universities refrain from completing with non-member Canadian varsities.

## OAK BAY GOLF

Mrs. M. Bowden and Mrs. R. B. Wilson won the monthly par competitions in A and B classes, respectively, at the Victoria Golf Club yesterday. Both finished all square with par.

## St. Andrews To Provide Stiff Test For United

United's nemesis, Vancouver St. Andrews will be in town Saturday for a regular Coast League soccer match against the locals at Athletic Park at 2:15.

United have yet to defeat the Scots in a league match although holding a decision over the Dominion champions in the Anderson Cup series, which incidentally marked the visitors last appearance here. The Scots, however, knocked over Barnes' crew in the second game of the series only to lose the final to North Shore.

The line-up of the mainland eleven will be little changed from the one that has shown here in previous games.

Bobby Newbold will be in goal with Erling Stormess and Johnny Weber at fullback. Wes Henderson, Nick Glover and Johnny Newbold will see action on the half line with Jimmy Greig, Don Matheson, Boeey Grier, George Steele and Stubby McLean slated to start at forwards.

Dan Simpson, D. Greig and Ted Enefer will be spares.

With the retirement of George Barnes a new referee will be working the match, the arbiter being Joe Obee.

Manager Barnes has not announced his starting eleven for the week-end tilt and probably will withhold his selection until just before game time. Barnes has been experimenting with the squad lately in an effort to get more punch into the forward line and fans will likely see many changes during the game. The strategy paid off last week when United came from behind to score three goals in 15 minutes and the Vancouver City.

## Mustangs Make English Rugby Debut Saturday

Victoria Mustangs, who with the close of the American football schedule have decided to turn their talents to the English rugby code will receive their baptismal fire Saturday when they tangle with the senior Victoria College entry in an exhibition match at Macdonald Park at 2.

Canadian Scottish are slated to meet the Fiji Islanders in the second half of the double bill at 2:30.

Just how the Mustangs will fare in the Twickenham sport remains to be seen. Tom Carney, coach of the ex-gridders, knows the English game well, having been one of the city's brightest stars during the past decade and if he can impart his knowledge of the sport to his charges other teams may be in for a surprise.

Inexperience in the finer points of the game will probably hamper the newcomers to the league but ball carrying ability will not be lacking with such capable performers as Steve Rynski, Ray Mitchell, Bill O'Connell and Prevost totting the leather on the Mustangs' three-quarter line.

Line-up of Mustangs as released by Carney today follows: H. Alexander, fullback; W. O'Connell, W. Prevost, J. Robinson, R. Mitchell, S. Rynski, R. Thompson, three quarters; J. Horne, scrum half; J. Mooney, G. Brown, J. Jakour, S. Dances, L. Kissinger, L. Handley, W. O'Brien, and P. Barry, forwards.

Team is asked to report at the park at 1:30.

## Benefit Soccer Tilt Scheduled Tomorrow

Though there are no "bowl games" scheduled in the city New Year's Day, sport fans nevertheless will not be without some form of entertainment.

Victoria United of the Coast League will play an all-star soccer team from the Victoria and District League in an exhibition match for the injured players fund at Athletic Park at 2:15.

The match will be the sole major sport attraction in the city tomorrow.

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## Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY AND SONNY WALKER

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

AS WE PREPARE to welcome in another New Year it is appropriate to glance quickly back over the last 12 months and reminisce on the activities of Victoria athletes. Sport in general enjoyed a successful year both in attendance and first-class competition. Prospects for 1948 are bright and there is every indication followers of both outdoor and indoor events will be treated to performances of the highest calibre.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL operating here for the second year saw the Victoria Athletics finish the Western International League in fifth position and in doing so established a new high for attendance with over 130,000 paid admissions. After getting away to a flying start and holding a spot in the first division for many weeks the A's faltered in the final drive as the pitching staff fell off. Failure of hurlers Bob Jensen and Jim Arnold to come through, as expected, dimmed the Victoria club's chances for a pennant. Majority of the personnel of next year's club have already been announced and prospects for a young, bustling club look bright. Ted Norbert will return as manager.

SOCCER SAW a complete new set-up for Victoria United when play resumed in the fall. Roy Barnes, a popular player of a few years back, took over the managerial reins and an executive was elected to operate the team on its own. With players on the United line-up no longer turning out for the local senior eleven a better feeling has been developed all around. The club came up with an improved showing in the first half of the schedule and has opened the second half with a win and draw in two matches to date. Senior league has produced some fair competition with Victoria West taking the first half of the league and the Canadian Legion off to a good start in the second. Intermediate and minor leagues are enjoying good seasons and are doing a fine job in developing material for the senior clubs of the future.

VICTORIA athletes showed up well in track and field events during the summer both here and on the mainland. Outstanding among the local athletes in this branch of athletics were Cliff Salmond, Harry Mitchell, Elaine Silburn and Pat Fleming, all of whom have a splendid opportunity of representing the city and the Dominion at the 1948 Olympic Games.

BLESSED with one of Canada's most famous coaches in Archie McKinnon, members of the Flying Y swim club continued their mastery over top-ranking clubs and teams of the Pacific Northwest and the Dominion. The local club walked off with most of the honors at the Dominion swimming and diving championships staged here this summer with Eric Jubb outshining the field in the junior division. Peter Salmon turned in some great performances for the Y.M.C.A. during the year and topped a Canadian title. Both these initiators are Olympic Games probabilities with many more members of the Y.M.C.A. — too numerous to mention here — also rated a chance of making the Dominion team.

ESQUIMALT Meat Market softball team probably gained more honors than any other city team during the year by winning the western Canada softball championship. This feat was made doubly famous by the fact that Esquimalt were forced to play all games of both the B.C. and the western Canada playoffs on foreign soil. Vancouver, stiffest competition for the winners came from Ladysmith who forced

the champions to seven games before bowing out of the island series.

TENNIS experienced a decided uplift last summer with the holding of the Davis Cup trials at Victoria Lawn. Although the eastern contingent, headed by Henri Rochon of Montreal, carried off majority of the honors the east-west matches produced some first-class play and certainly did a lot to bring back the sport here. Various smaller clubs operated in Greater Victoria with success.

STAGING of the British Columbia men's and women's amateur championships along with the appearance in an exhibition match of the famous Bobby Locke, highlighted golf activities the past year. Hugh Morrison of Vancouver overcame a smart field to lift the men's crown while Mrs. Jack Todd gave Victoria an even break by taking the women's. Locke's performance over the Colwood course showed Victorians why the South African rates among the game's great players. Towards the close of the year Colwood members took over control of their club and announced an auspicious improvement program.

FEATURE OF the hoop season was the dethroning of the Dominions as basketball kings by the Canadian Legion quintette. It marked the first time in the history of the club that they had ever lost a game to another local team. Chuck Chapman, one of Canada's greatest hoopers, hung up his shoes for good at the close of the season, ringing the curtain on an outstanding career. In the B.C. playoffs Legion, minus two players due to illness, lost to Vancouver Marlamas who went on to the Canadian championship.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL took a drop this past year with Mustangs forsaking the Canadian code for the American system, thus leaving the city without a senior club. Junior and juvenile clubs carried on in local leagues and until financial troubles beset them were set to stage B.C. finals here New Year's Day. Mustangs in their new venture fared poorly against American teams. A new deal for Canadian football is in the offing for the new year with the Junior Chamber of Commerce backing the project.

THE GUTTED STICK artists of box lacrosse continued to play games on the outdoor box at Stevenson Park with the Canadian Legion squad coached by Arne Ferguson winning the city intermediate title, and Tillamums the junior crown. The Tillamums were knocked out of the Dominion series by Vancouver but the Vets repeated their success of 1946 by bringing back the British Columbia title for the second straight season.

IN THE ENGLISH rugby field, J.B.A.A. won the only inter-city or B.C. title captured by a local squad, winning the A. H. Cox trophy. Crimson Tide failed in their bid for the McKechnie Cup, won again by Varsity, and J.B.A.A. lost out to the students for the B.C. club title. Oak Bay High School were defeated by King Edward for the provincial high school diadem.

CRICKET saw the Five C's regain the league championship after Oak Bay had reigned supreme for 12 months. Lawn bowling was as popular as ever with the annual holiday tournament the season highlight as it attracted many visiting stars. Auto racing enthusiasts witnessed many exciting programs at the Langford Speedway while the rifle shooting experts conducted weekly competitions at Heals Range as their sport resumed the position it held before the outbreak of war.

## Five Major Ice Tilts May Shuffle Standings

It's an all-American schedule in the National Hockey League for New Year's Eve, but tomorrow night all teams will be in action as the league hits the halfway mark in the schedule of 60 games each.

Tonight has the Boston Bruins at New York Rangers, and Chicago Hawks at Detroit Red Wings. To start the New Year Thursday night, Montreal Canadiens travel to Toronto Maple Leafs, while New York plays at Boston, and Detroit at Chicago.

## W. J. Yates Named Leading Trainer On Prairie Circuit

WINNIPEG (CP) — An unofficial compilation Tuesday showed that prairie racing stables set the pace throughout the 80-day western racing season at meetings in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

W. J. Yates of Calgary easily won the training title with 29 victories, 11 more than his closest rivals, Harry Streeter of Calgary and Billy Trivenen of Winnipeg.

Sir Berrill of the Drumheller and Lochead Stable, Calgary was the leading money winner on the circuit, totaling \$6,240. In addition, he captured the three-year-old crown.

Sister's Best and Allenjay, with seven victories apiece, were winners of the most races.

Emil Roy of Tisdale, Sask., captured first place among the jockeys, being astride 64 winners, 46 seconds and 45 thirds. In the stakes brackets, Jimmy Sivewright of Calgary took top honors.

Although the standing at present is pretty well strung out the two nights could make important shifts, as the teams square away for the second half. Right now Toronto has a four-point lead over Detroit with the Rangers another five points behind. When Montreal and Boston are tied for fourth, a game behind Rangers, Chicago still is facing a 10-point hill to get out of the cellar.

Meanwhile, Ranger coach Frank Boucher's charges about Toronto's alleged illegal tactics however brought a sort of pontifical pronouncement from none other than Babe (Honest) Brakeman) Pratt, much-traveled veteran and former Leaf who was recently sold back to Hershey of the A.H.L. by Cleveland.

Said big Babe at Toronto yesterday: "I see they're all crying about the Leafs. It's always that way when a team is winning, and the Leafs look to me like the team that will take it all this season."

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) — Star miler Gil Dods helped shovel snow from Boston College's outdoor board track Tuesday and then donned running togs to turn in the fastest 600 yards he ever has raced.

Coach Jack Rylier clocked Dods in 1:13.8 for the "600" in the Boston runner's first real test for his 1948 track campaign.

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## Canada's Olympic Team Looks Improved In Loss

OTTAWA (CP)—With the air force still in control, but with barely more than half of the team air force personnel, the R.C.A.F. Flyers, Canada's 1948 Olympic team, will sail from New York Jan. 9 as a strong contender for world honors.

This was what emerged last night after a fortnight of scurrying for stronger players when it became apparent after a few losses that the air force team didn't have the makings of a winner. During that two weeks, air force and Canadian Amateur Hockey Association officials scoured the horizon for new blood.

They came up with some material from local city league clubs, some from Toronto and some from Montreal, and bolstered a weak defence found wanting in two exhibition games with McGill University and an army team in the Senior City League. Last night the Flyers took on Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Senior Hockey League, just to see who would be the final four players dropped from the 21-man R.C.A.F. roster. They lost 10 to 4 to the burly seniors, but showed enough pluck and stickhandling to satisfy the experts.

Still lacking finish in their breakaways and teamwork, the Flyers still showed a diamond-rough class and a handful of on-lookers at the unannounced game agreed the Flyers could—and probably would—develop into a sound team.

### TEAM PERSONNEL

Capt. Ross King of Portage la Prairie and Dick Ball will be the goalies. Defencemen are Flt. Sgt. Louis Lecompte, Ottawa, Frank Denster, Woodroffe, Ont., Andre La Perriere, Montreal, and Wally Halder of Toronto. Forwards will

be Ab Renaud, Ted Hibbard, Pat Shroeter, Pete Lietchnitz, Cpl. Patsy Guzzo, all of Ottawa; Orval Gravelle, Aylmer, Que.; LAC. Roy Forbes, Vancouver; George Mara, Toronto; Sgt. Andy Gilpin and FO. Hubert Brooks, both of Montreal, and Cpl. Irving Taylor, Wrightville, Que.

The team will arrive in London Jan. 15 and will play two games at Wembley Stadium, leaving for Paris Jan. 21. After a single game at Paris they will play another at Basle, Switzerland, then another at Zurich, Switzerland.

They will stop at Davos for three days before going on to St. Moritz and the Olympics, which run from Jan. 30 to Feb. 8. A tour of post-Olympic exhibition games is being arranged.

## Johnny Berardino Signs Dual Contract

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Infielder Johnny Berardino of Cleveland Indians signed a double-barrelled contract Tuesday which will permit him to play baseball, his first love, in the summer and make movies, his second love, in the winter.

The contract was signed at a ceremony in which President Bill Veeck of the Indians and movie producer Richard Pollmer, Berardino's co-boss, participated.

Under the contract, the Cleveland hall club will have claim on the infielder's service starting before spring training and continuing until after the world series next October. This will give Berardino time to finish his current picture, "Winner's Circle."

After the series, Berardino is obliged to return to Hollywood and work for Pollmer again.

## U.S. Hockey Team Straightens Out Passport Problem

BOSTON (AP)—Regardless of what happens in the jurisdictional dispute over United States participation in Olympic hockey, the American Hockey Association's team will sail for Europe, vows Walter Brown of Boston, that organization's vice-president.

"We've got our passport mix-up straightened out and our Olympic squad of 15 players, its coach and trainer, will be aboard the Queen Mary when it sails out of New York on Jan. 9," Brown said today.

Brown, who successfully pressed the A.H.A.'s hockey cause before the Swiss committee organizing the Winter Olympic Games a few months ago, expressed confidence that the hand-picked A.H.A. team would carry the American shield into the international rink competition at St. Moritz, Switzerland, next month.

"I expect the Amateur Athletic Association will make additional moves to check us. That organization has threatened to pull all American winter teams out of the Olympics if the A.H.A.'s players are permitted to compete," Brown continued.

### GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

"But that is up to the A.A.U. Our organization has been assured by both the host Swiss Olympic Committee and the International Ice Hockey Federation that the team we organized will be recognized as the United States' representatives."

"I have been informed that Gustavus T. Kirby, president emeritus of the A.A.U., has cabled to J. Sigfried Edstrom, president of the International Olympic Committee, at Stockholm, Sweden, to rule out the A.H.A. team. Kirby may be interested to know that less than a week ago the A.H.A. received assurances from abroad that Kirby had put himself on record to maintain a 'hands-off' policy and permit the Swiss committee to have the final say."

## Ferris Says Amateur Sport May Go Under

NEW YORK (AP)—Daniel J. Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, declared today in a pamphlet issued from his office that "if the uncertified American Hockey Association team competes in the Olympics, the death knell of amateur sports may be sounded." He also termed "curious" Canada's interpretation of an "amateur" in hockey.

His attack on the controversial hockey team which already has brought the threat of American withdrawal of all other teams from the winter Olympics at St. Moritz, Switzerland, followed closely an appeal by Gustavus T. Kirby for the International Olympic president to take a stand with the American committee.

Ferris in his pamphlet reviewed the history of the hockey controversy and told how the A.H.A. has become predominant in the United States, finally obtaining international approval as the governing body for the sport.

"From the start the administrative officials of the A.H.A. were actively identified with the avowedly professional game," said Ferris.

### IMPORTED PLAYERS

"They brought more and more players down from Canada with the long-range objective of developing talent for the professional league. That was their purpose."

## Chess Tournament

Friday's draw for the Victoria City Chess Club tournament follows:

A Section—J. Marshall vs. C. D. H. Moore, J. H. Lacey vs. J. Hobson, N. R. Stewart vs. G. Jones, F. Stratholt vs. A. H. Sheard, Parry vs. L. Basanta, J. Gilvin vs. F. Fanstone, Capt. G. Lee vs. A. G. Moody, F. W. Plant, bye.

### Standing of leaders follows:

A. Section	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
A. G. Moody	5	1	0	5
C. D. H. Moore	4	2	0	4
K. B. Stewart	3	1	1	3½
C. J. Lee	3	2	1	3½
B. Section				
D. McDonald	4	0	0	4
O. Jewett	0	0	0	0
T. Turner	3	1	0	3

## Seattle Grabs Lead In Coast Pro Hoop League

Seattle's Athletics held the Pacific Coast pro basketball league lead today, taking over from the Vancouver with a 67 to 59 triumph over the hapless Portland Indians as Bellingham administered a 48 to 33 trouncing to the slumping Tacoma Mountaineers.

It was the third win in as many days against the same opponents, for both Seattle and Bellingham. And both had their roles well under control.

Bellingham took a half-time

lead of 20 to 13; built it up to 30 to 15 and then coasted. Gale Bishop topped the Bellingham scoring with 15; Jack Voelker's 11 led Tacoma.

Portland led Seattle briefly at the start of the contest, faded badly in the closing moments of the second quarter, hit a fast pace in the third and early fourth to close the gap twice to two points, but Seattle snapped out of its lethargy to win going away. Norm Dalthorp hits 19 points for Seattle, four more than Portland's Bill Tait.

All teams are idle tonight. Seattle officials said today the Athletics would be strengthened for its New Year appearance by the addition of Ken Suesens, who finally gained his release from the Sheboygan, Wis., pro team. The big centre was sought early in the year to coach the Seattle entry but was unable to gain his release.

## Local Hoopers Win Exhibition Tilts

Victoria basketball teams won three exhibition games at Saanichton this week. Eagles defeated Saanichton senior B men, 59 to 37; Hotshots walloped Saanichton girls, 59 to 22, and Canadian Scottish defeated the suburban senior C men's team, 45 to 16.

Saanichton intermediate B boys defeated Langford, 24 to 16, in a league match.

## Racing Results

SANTA ANITA—Results of horse racing here Tuesday follow:

First Race—  
Pierceray — 57.60 54.70 54.20  
Royal Highland — 9.80 9.70  
Chapman Moon — 10.20  
Scratched: Flying Out, Atom Ray, Sun Rose, Juste Lady.

Second Race—  
Inconstant — 212.10 18.40 14.20  
Hothead — 4.60 3.70  
Chavo — 4.60 3.40  
Scratched: Golden Mile, Airbell, Trans-lance.

Third Race—  
Gold Bell — 35.50 32.20 32.70  
Gold Boom — 4.10 3.60  
Prius — 4.50  
Scratched: Baron Cloth, War Rem, Antares, Willie Way.

Fourth Race—  
Barbarine — 111.90 16.80 15.20  
Brown Moke — 6.50 4.80  
Third Spin — 5.70  
Scratched: Phared, Starting Time, All or None.

Fifth Race—  
Blue Turf — 39.80 34.30 32.20  
Tropical Sea — 6.40 3.10  
Good Story — 2.60  
Scratched: None.

Sixth Race—  
Dac Combs — 76.20 12.20 12.80  
Braboncon — 3.80 2.80  
Amble In — 3.30  
Scratched: Pharrons, Middle Abbey, Sir Bin, Lawfare.

Seventh Race—  
Oscar River — 37.40 12.20 12.40  
Star Kins — 2.90 2.30  
Cold Blood — 2.30  
Scratched: None.

Eighth Race—  
Sun Island — 110.00 22.20 21.20  
Munro — 6.70 4.20  
Scratched: Blue Pennant, Aracy, Com-catchme, Butter Water, Herod Play.

## Police Called In To Halt Hockey Brawl At Tacoma

Tacoma police quelled a free-for-all last night, as the hometown Rockets defeated the New Westminster Royals 4 to 3 in a close-checked Pacific Coast League hockey game.

The ruckus developed after Pete Tallifer of Tacoma and Ken Terry of New Westminster tangled. Players of both teams and half a dozen spectators joined in.

In another northern division contest the division-leading Seattle Ironmen beat Vancouver 5 to 2.

Fresno's Falcons defeated the Oakland Oaks 2 to 0, and Los Angeles Monarchs drove furiously to an 8 to 4 win over San Francisco in the southern division.

Tonight Fresno, one point behind the second-place Los Angeles club, tangles with the Monarchs in the only game scheduled.

Bill Brennan got his first shut-out of the season in the Fresno

## Cagers Return To Action Monday; Release Schedule

Teams of the Victoria and District Basketball Association will swing into the final part of their regular league schedule Monday following a layoff of two weeks over the Christmas holidays.

Dates for the island playoffs have not been announced.

### SASKATOON WINS

SASKATOON (CP)—Celler-dwelling Saskatoon Quakers climbed to within two points of the fourth place Lethbridge Maple Leafs in the Western Canada Senior Hockey League Sunday by defeating Regina Capitals 11 to 8 in overtime. The loss kept Caps from assuming undisputed possession of top place in the loop.

win over Oakland. The second period saw referee Jerry Mathieu assess a total of 35 minutes in penalties for a new league record. The Monarch win over San Francisco narrowed the gap between the two teams to one point.

tary Hank Casillo reported today and as a result no dates have been set for the local playdowns when champions in the various city divisions will be decided.

Schedule until Jan. 19, as released by Casillo, follows:

Jan. 3-7, K.V.'s vs. Esquimalt A.A. boys.  
7-13—Spencers vs. Elks, intermediate B boys.  
8, K.V.'s vs. Alcos, senior B men.  
Jan. 7-7, Tilligums vs. First United, intermediate B boys.  
8, Comets vs. H.B.C., women.  
8, Leam vs. Y.M.C.A., senior A men.  
Jan. 8-13—Royal-Archievs vs. Leam, intermediate boys.  
8-14, K.V.'s vs. College, intermediate B boys.  
8-15, K.V.'s vs. Canadian Scottish, senior B men.  
Jan. 15-17, to be announced.  
Jan. 15-17, Dominions vs. Esquimalt A.A. junior boys.  
14-15, Esquimalt vs. Comets, women.  
8, Esquimalt A.A. vs. Art Metals, senior B men.  
Jan. 14-7, K.V.'s Lions vs. Leam, intermediate boys.  
14-15, First United vs. Spencers, intermediate B boys.  
8, Y.M.C.A. vs. K.V.'s senior A men.  
Jan. 15-7, K.V.'s vs. Chinese Students, junior boys.  
8, Colosse vs. Tilligums, intermediate B boys.  
8, Brentwood Aces vs. Canadian Scottish, senior B men.  
Jan. 15-7, to be announced.  
Jan. 15-7, Hoshots vs. Hesperts, women.  
14-15, K.V.'s vs. Dominions, junior boys.  
8, Navy vs. Elks, senior B men.

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## Watchnight Services Tonight

While many greet the New Year with noise and merrymaking throughout Victoria, members of some Victoria congregations will gather in the quiet of their churches for devotional periods and watchnight service.

Rev. George Biddle will conduct Watchnight Service of Holy Communion at St. John's Church from 11.30 to 12.30 tonight.

Special Christmas music will be given by St. John's choir.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral the rector, Father J. L. Blanchfield, will give a sermon and benediction at the Holy Hour from 11.30 to 12.30. The choir will be in attendance.

Dr. A. E. Whitehouse of Metropolitan United Church will conduct a half-hour devotional period and give a short address at the Watchnight Service commencing at 11.30.

A Watchnight Service from 9 until midnight will be held at First Baptist Church with Rev. G. R. Easter conducting service. Central Baptist will also have a service from 11 to 12.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11, at 3 the Twilight recitals will be resumed in the First Baptist Church when the Musical Art Society of Victoria will present the first program in the series. The items will include vocal solos, choral groups, violin and piano selections, also organ and piano duets by well-known local talent. The subsequent recitals will be given by the various church choirs and choral groups of the city.

## Offer To Keep City Garbage Off Beaches

Bullivants, Sons, general contractors, have approached the City Council asking that they be given a contract to collect all garbage, and state they are making a similar proposition to the other three municipalities of Greater Victoria.

They ask for a contract on a per capita contract basis, on a sliding scale, which would go up or down with the federal cost of living index. The company gave assurance that the gross annual cost would be 5 per cent less than the city's present expenditure for the service.

In addition they offered a guarantee that none of the garbage would "ever be found on the beaches of the entire area."

## U.S. Army Helped Young Veteran To Succeed As Juggler

Thanks to the U.S. army and Shakespearean actor Maurice Evans, a young American veteran visiting Victoria, is now a success as a professional juggler.

He is 28-year-old Jack Parker, who will perform at the Empress Hotel this evening during the New Year's Eve cabaret. Jack first took an active interest in juggling during his last year in high school at Washington, D.C. He confessed today that he had always had something of the "ham" in him and chose juggling as something comparatively unusual in the theatre which would enable him to avoid the teeny ranks of actors starting out the really hard way.

Then came the war. After a year in uniform, he learned that Maurice Evans had been asked to set up special services shows for the entertainment of the troops. After struggling through considerable red tape, Jack found himself serving under Evans, then a captain and later promoted to major.

The army, according to the young juggler, gave him the opportunity of working his act into something worthwhile and he performed for three years in the Pacific theatre of war, including such islands as Saipan and Guam. British troops were among his audiences.

After part of his juggling, Jack received good all-round theatre experience under Evans and was called upon to sing, dance and act as well. At one time in his army career he enjoyed the unique distinction of having Shakespeare rewritten, in part, for his benefit. The occasion was the presentation of Macbeth in which the banquet scene was altered to include a juggling act.

Following his return to the U.S. Jack joined the U.S.O. and returned to the Pacific, appearing in the Philippines and in Japan. On coming back to the U.S. once more, he started out on his own, and in about six months' time had broken into big time. Today he is billed as "Jack Parker, the Jack of Clubs."

## Dan McLennan Dies In His 78th Year

Donald (Dan) McLennan, who once played an active part in local political and social organizations, died here Tuesday at the age of 78 years.

Born in Bruce County, Ont., Mr. McLennan resided in British Columbia for over 60 years. He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 49, A.F. & A.M., and the Victoria Liberal Association.

For the past 12 years he had made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan J. MacLean. Besides his daughter, he is survived by one son, Donald W., of Detroit, Mich., also one brother, Dr. Frank, Windsor, Ont., and one brother, John, of Vancouver, and four grandchildren. His wife predeceased him 12 years ago.

Services will be held at McCall Bros. Floral Funeral Chapel Saturday afternoon at 3. Interment will take place at Colwood Burial Park, with Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson officiating.

## Victorians Exacting About Choosing Reading Matter

Victorians may not know it—but they are exacting when it comes to choosing their reading material.

After an extensive study on the subject by the staff of the Public Library the conclusion was reached that Victoria had "an intelligent and fairly sophisticated reading public."

Victorians were also much more tolerant with regard to controversial books than the reading public in the United States, according to information gleaned by the librarians. Less than a dozen fiction titles were kept in the library's closed shelf section for censorship reasons.

While new novels are popular, the reading public still demands the works of Old Masters, whose novels one would be inclined to believe had been forgotten by the majority of readers. These books do not include the works of still popular writers like Dickens and Kipling.

## Politics, Not Romance, Blamed For Abdication Of Michael

LONDON (AP)—Politics rather than romance was behind the abdication of King Michael I of Romania, in the opinion of most observers here.

Dimitri Dimanesco, former Romanian embassy official, said the Romanian government had refused to allow Michael to marry Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, but that this was a "purely secondary consideration."

Some of the press on the continent, however, leaned to the view that the king's love for the Danish princess was the principal reason for his decision.

British court circles said Michael was debating abdication with his mother, Queen Helen, during their recent visit to London for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Prince Philip, and may have decided even before leaving on his course.

"He did not want to go back," a reliable source reported, "and his mother did everything possible to dissuade him from going back. But he made a noble gesture. It would have been cowardly not to return."

The London Star said Michael

was taken as example. In his books of fiction, "Desperate Remedies" was in circulation 28 times in 23 months; "Groups of Noble Dames," seven times in 23 months; "Hand of Ethelberta," 18 times in 23 months; "Jude the Obscure," 24 times in 23 months; "Under the Greenwood Tree," 29 times in 23 months; "Laodicean," 19 times in 23 months.

His book "Desperate Remedies" was borrowed by 15 housewives, one student, one contractor, one businessman, six retired men and one thirteenth.

One copy of "Two on a Tower" was borrowed by 14 housewives, four retired men, one retired teacher, one law student, one country maid, one dietitian, one civil servant, one gardener and one stenographer.

The survey also revealed that Hardy's poetry and drama was still widely read by students and housewives in equal numbers.

conferred here with both Foreign Secretary Bevin and former Prime Minister Churchill and received sympathetic advice "on a personal basis."

Dimanesco, who said he resigned as counsellor at the London Embassy because he would not subscribe to his government's Communist ideas, said the abdication proclamation was not what the king wanted to say, and Michael was "compelled to read it."

Dimanesco said "the real reason for Michael's action was that while he was in London for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth certain steps were taken by the government behind his back and without his knowledge."

He said the king had learned a new minister "intended to send Romanian troops to help the Communists in Greece."

A source in Bucharest advised of the Greek angle, said Dimanesco's report "can be discounted." In Copenhagen, Princess Anne said she was taking it as "bad news" that Michael had not communicated with her or her family.

## Town Topics

The meeting of the Victoria Club for the Hard of Hearing, listed for tonight has been canceled.

A complaint that Richardson buses are causing property damage because of vibration has been received by Mayor Percy George from Mrs. Gertrude J. Strong, 651 Trutch Street.

The Navy League of Canada has applied to the City Council for a grant in 1948 equivalent to the taxes on the property owned by the organization and used in connection with the training of the Rainbow Sea Cadets.

Two men who have spent a good deal of their lives in Oakalla Prison Farm, due to repeated charges of drunkenness, will start 1948 at the farm. This morning in city police court they both pleaded guilty to third charges and got the usual 20-day sentences.

Robert M. Akhurst pleaded guilty in city police court today to a charge of theft of a wrist watch owned by Victor Ball Monday and was remanded to Friday for sentence by Magistrate H. C. Hall. Detective Pearson Woodburn gave the circumstances leading to accused's apprehension.

R. Previtt was fined \$35 and had his driver's license suspended for one month by Magistrate H. C. Hall in Esquimalt police court this week on a dangerous driving charge. A husband was fined \$15 for assaulting his wife. A total of \$30 was imposed in fines for minor traffic infractions.

William J. Haines pleaded guilty to a charge of dangerous driving at Hillside and Cedar Hill Road on Dec. 24 and was fined \$40 by Magistrate H. C. Hall in city police court today. His license was also suspended for three months. Patrick J. Sinnott, acting prosecutor, reported accused sideswiped another car.

A turkey dinner will be enjoyed by patients and staff at Royal Jubilee Hospital today through the generosity of Mayo Singh, who has donated 750 pounds of turkey to the hospital for the occasion. He has also donated 200 pounds of potatoes and 110 pounds of frozen peas for the dinner. Partaking of his hospitality also will be 400 patients, and 270 staff members.

Just before the Christmas season he donated 10 white wool blankets to the hospital and seven cases of dates, and for the linen shower of the Women's Auxiliary this month he gave another 20 white wool blankets.

## Application Made To Cut Bus Fare

An application to reduce bus fares for residents of the Helmcken Road area was made today to the Public Utilities Commission by the Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd.

The company, which operates buses to that area in connection with its Gorge route, asked the commission to approve the sale of tickets for three for 25 cents—to bring the fare in line with general fare schedules of the company. The present fare is a straight 10 cents.

The application was opposed by the Veterans Stages, which makes Helmcken Road its first fare point on Metchosin and Langford routes.

Dr. W. A. Carrothers, chairman of the commission, said the commission had reserved decision on the application but an announcement would be made shortly.

## Sooke Logger Is Killed In Accident

Arthur Morris, 43, Sooke, was killed in a logging accident at one of the Sooke camps yesterday, Constable Allan Quinn of the Sooke detachment of the Provincial Police reported to Sgt. C. C. Jacklin at the Victoria district headquarters. The body is at Thomson's Funeral Home and an inquest has been ordered for Friday morning at 10 at the parlors.

## 1947 Registrations Of Companies Short Of 1946 Record

Company registrations during 1947 continued strong but failed to pile up a total equal to the all-time record of 1946.

It was estimated at the companies office today that registrations this year would top 1,360, compared with 1,516 actually registered during 1946. During the last two days there has been a run of new companies seeking registration before the year end.

Registrations during the past two weeks included the following firms:

Vancouver Island—General Welders Ltd., \$50,000; Owen, Song & Richardson Ltd., \$50,000; and Marine Industries Ltd., \$50,000 no par value shares, all from Victoria; Schofield & Malpass Ltd., \$40,000; Mid-Island Trucking Co. Ltd., \$20,000; and Nanaimo Pile Driving & Dredging Co. Ltd., \$10,000.

Vancouver—Lockwood & Co. Ltd., \$10,000; Martel Sawmills Ltd., \$30,000; Port Alberni Fish Co. Ltd., \$15,000; Kitsilano U-Drive Ltd., \$30,000; Jeffries & Tuck Ltd., \$20,000; Vanguard Sales Ltd., \$10,000; Modern Used Cars Ltd., 1,000 no par value shares; Brett's Motors Ltd., \$25,000; Piewes Drug Store Co. Ltd., \$15,000; The T. Edwards Co. Ltd., \$75,000; Peerless Bros. Agencies Ltd., 25,000 no par value shares; Matt Fee Ltd., \$10,000; Putnam, Cosens & Wright (1948) Ltd., \$50,000; Capilano Tool & Die Works Ltd., 15,000 no par value shares; B. & A. Power and Construction Co. Ltd., 1,000 no par value shares; Rolling Motors Ltd., \$10,000; Westmount Stock Farm Ltd., \$25,000; J. S. Baird Ltd., \$25,000; Paramount Industries Ltd., \$10,000; Lewis & Kolberg Ltd., \$10,000; Haro Holdings Ltd., \$25,000; Tidewater Forest Products Ltd., \$25,000; Lakeview Estates Ltd., \$100,000; Seven-Up British Columbia (1948) Ltd., 10,000 no par value shares; Chase-It Manufacturing Co. Ltd., \$10,000; Ted's Used Cars Ltd., \$10,000; and National Timber Co. Ltd., 120,000 no par value shares.

From elsewhere in B.C.—Davidson Construction Co. Ltd., \$10,000; North Vancouver; Maple Leaf Grocery Ltd., \$20,000; Vernon; Tweedsmuir Hotel Co. Ltd., \$150,000; Burns Lake; B.C. Taxi Ltd., \$20,000; and Prince George; Machinery Depot Ltd., \$10,000; Prince George; Interior Advertising Co. Ltd., \$18,000; Kelowna; Union Discount Co. Ltd., \$10,000; Kamloops; Twin Service Station Ltd., \$10,000; Dawson Creek; and Ducek Building Supplies Ltd., \$10,000, Matsqui.

From outside B.C.—Russell Theatres Ltd., \$20,000, head office in Russell, Man., and head B.C. office, Grand Forks, and Monast (Canada) Ltd., \$300,000 and \$800 no par value shares, Montreal and Vancouver.

The following societies were registered—Elks Holding Association of Penticton; Poplar Grove Community Hall, Naramata; Honeycomb Day Employees' Social and Athletic Association, Lake Cowichan, and the Welfare Industries of First United Church, Vancouver.

## New Year Wishes From Mayor George

Mayor Percy George asked co-operation of citizens in the city's administration during the coming year as he issued his annual New Year message, which follows:

"Another year has rolled away. Perhaps not all our hopes have been realized but on the other hand many of our fears have vanished.

"Again we have a new page on which to record our hopes and ambitions for the future."

"Across the world we still have discord and discontent and prospects for the early settlement of all the differences which beset mankind seem far from bright. We can but hope that the coming year will bring the peoples of the world closer together in bonds of friendship, that all men will 'see the light,' that the present rivalries and jealousies will cease and real peace will prevail.

"In our own city we have many major problems calling for solution. The men and women elected to public office—while offering a lead to the citizens—can only meet with success in their efforts through the wholehearted support and co-operation extended to them and this, it is the duty of each and every citizen, to give."

"In extending greetings and good wishes to all in the city may I hope that trouble and sorrow will pass you by and health and happiness be your portion throughout the coming year."

A building permit has been issued to Phillips Manufacturing Company to build a furniture manufacturing business at 540 John Street, costing \$9,000.

## To Close Mayor's Fund In Spring; Kinsmen To Take Over

An indication that he intended to close the Mayor's Fund early in the New Year, shortly after word has been received from Princess Elizabeth regarding the parcels sent as a wedding gift to her, was made today by Mayor Percy George.

Mayor George thanked the hundreds of Victoria citizens who have contributed to the \$20,833 which has been donated for parcels, and urged that those who intended still to give to do so within the next few weeks.

Mrs. F. E. Dowdall, chairman of the voluntary committee which has been in charge of the administration of the fund, said that arrangements have been made to ship another 180 parcels, which virtually depletes the fund.

Those who have served on the committee since the inception of the fund last spring are: Mrs. Dowdall, Mrs. Ken Drury, Dr. Olga Jardine, Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Mrs. E. Rose, Mrs. W. Blair, Mrs. J. Henderson, and Miss Lottie Bowron.

The mayor indicated that the Kinsmen Club would be taking over the work of sending parcels to Britain on a national scale, and Jack Price, president of the local club, confirmed that the first 2,500 food parcels from the Kinsmen had already been received in Britain.

He said the allotment for the local group is \$200 a month, and that nationally they plan to raise,

## New Visiting Hours For R.C.N. Hospital

Visiting hours at Royal Canadian, Naval Hospital, H.M.C.S. Naden, have been rearranged to accommodate friends and relatives who are unable to visit during working hours, R.C.N. officials reported today.

The new hours are daily from 3 to 4 in the afternoon and from 7 to 8 in the evening. It is noted that children under 12 years of age will not be permitted to visit the R.C.N. Hospital.

The Navy League of Canada has applied to the City Council for a tag day in 1948, if possible, Saturday, June 19.

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## Neighbors Make Up For Happy New Year

"That is satisfactory," said Magistrate H. C. Hall in city police court this morning, and with a smile he added, "and I wish them a peaceful New Year," when he learned from Patrick J. Sinnott, acting city prosecutor, that the trouble between two families in a neighborhood quarrel had been settled. He dismissed the case.

This was the case where a neighbor had damaged the wall of the house next door with a broom handle to attract attention for the purpose, he alleged, of getting the people to tone down their radio.

At the court hearing Magistrate Hall told the parties to get together and settle their differences out of court, noting it was much better for neighborhood disputes to be settled among the principals involved rather than in court.



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## Capitol Midnight Show 'Road To Rio'

Paramount officials are rubbing their hands with glee these days — they think they've stumbled onto another set of Marx Brothers.

They are the Wiere Brothers — Sylvester, Herbert and Harry — and they play an important part in "Road to Rio," the new Bing Crosby-Bob Hope-Dorothy Lamour madcap comedy due

Wednesday midnight at the Capitol Theatre.

The Wiere Brothers are not a new team by Hollywood standards. In the past three or four years they have appeared in perhaps half a dozen pictures. But in none of these films were they ever given anything approaching a chance. They were hired to run through just one or two routines.

In "Road to Rio," however, they are given a solid opportunity to act. What advantage they have taken of this break can be seen in the Capitol Theatre during the run of the riotous "road" show.

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## Saga Of Chauncey Alcott At Royal

The life of Chauncey Alcott told against a technicolor canvas of minstrel days, Lillian Russell, the Robert E. Lee, Rector's, the old 14th Street Theatre and "Mother Machree" is captured with a sweeping flourish in Warner Bros.' brilliant offering, "My Wild Irish Rose," starring Dennis Morgan, which is being shown Wednesday midnight at the Royal Theatre.

It is the saga of the immortal Irish composer-singer with Morgan in top form in this title role. Andrea King plays the ravishing Miss Russell of legendary beauty and fame, and Arlene Dahl, a newcomer, bids for stardom with her portrayal of Alcott's sweetheart.

## YORK THEATRE

Although they were born 73 years apart, Harry Davenport, stage and screen veteran, and Billy Severn, child star, celebrated their birthday the day they started work in PRC's all-color dramatic fantasy "The Enchanted Forest," currently at the York Theatre.

Davenport was 79. Billy was 6. Others in the cast are: Edmund Lowe, Brenda Joyce, John Littel, Jim, the famous raven, and 14 animal actors.

## RIO THEATRE

Plenty of laughs and an occasional tear or two highlight "The Bells of St. Mary's" now at the Rio Theatre. Leo McCarey's first production since his Academy Award winner, "Going My Way," Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman are starred in this story-of-the-ups-and-downs of a parochial school, a Rainbow production for RKO radio release.

## OAK BAY THEATRE

Alice in Wonderland will be a popular figure among teenagers when they see the culture introduced by Judy Garland in her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring film, "Meet Me in St. Louis," which is now at the Oak Bay Theatre. The fictional Alice's long bob, short bangs and slight pompadour are faithfully reproduced by Judy Garland and the result is completely modern and effective. Although the star wears it in the film with clothes of 1903, she plans to try it out with her own sports frocks.

## Where To Go Tonight

ATLAS—"I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," with June Haver and Mark Stevens.

CAPITOL—"Thunder in the Valley," starring Lon McCallister.

DOMINION—"Four Feathers," with June Duprez and Ralph Richardson.

OAK BAY—"Boys' Ranch," with Butch Jenkins.

PLAZA—"Copacabana," starring Carmen Miranda and Groucho Marx.

RIO—"The Bells of St. Mary's," with Bing Crosby.

ROYAL—"This Time for Keeps," with Xavier Cugat and Johnnie Johnston.

YORK—"Enchanted Forest," with Brenda Joyce.

## Story Of Fly's Death Brings Texan Title Of Champion Liar

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP) — A stratospheric story about the demise of a fly in an Oklahoma poolroom today won for a Texan the title of the world's champion liar, annually bestowed by the Burlington Liars' Club.

John Hopley of San Antonio, Tex., told the harrowing story about the last minutes of the fly. It happened in Dude McCook's poolroom at Enid, Okla., as Hopley and his friend, Charley Skorpea, were playing for the championship of Boggy Creek bottoms, Hopley said. With Skorpea about to shoot, a fly landed atop the eight-ball and Charley said "I'm going to kill that fly."

"Time stood still," Hopley related, "while the boys looked down on whether he would or not. The fly also stood pat. Everybody in the house expected Charley to loft the cue ball so it would light on top of the insect and exterminate it."

"Then they got all their bets made," Charley chalked his cue — a 47-ounce, solid oak Brunswick — and knocked the eight-ball out from under that fly so fast that it fell on the table and broke its back."

Hopley was declared the winner in a close four-way finish. He receives the champion liar title now held by Antanagio Garza, also of San Antonio, who

## Sickness Slows Up Production Of Several Movies

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Whether you call it flu or the "mystery bug" which has been afflicting Los Angeles, sickness has been haunting film schedules, with many of them having to be rearranged because of the absence of stars.

Robert Hutton is getting a big break, Warners announces. The studio plans to star him opposite Barbara Stanwyck in "The Glad Hand," a backstage story. Here, tofore a juvenile, Hutton is supposed to play a heavy.

The next Bing Crosby-Barry Fitzgerald opus is being called "Diamond in the Haystack." It will take place in Elre. Ronald Reagan indicates there is still hope that the differences between him and Jane Wyman will be patched up.

Ray Milland's eight-year-old son is having a rugged Christmas vacation. First the boy broke a bone in his foot. Then he came home with his head swollen with poison oak to the size of a basketball.

## AROUND THE LOTS

Charles Laughton has an offer to present his "Galileo" in Berlin next March. . . . Walter Pidgeon is the pride of the G.M.G. wardrobe department. The Saint John, N.B.-born star's measurements for the new Greer Garson film, "Julia Misbehaves," are precisely the same as when he played in "Saragatoga" in 1937. . . .

## STRICTLY TRIVIAL

Red Skelton's gag file now numbers 23,000 jokes. . . . Gene Kelly is teaching his four-year-old daughter Kerry to dance. . . . Robert Stack was delivered a dismantled new French car and assembled the job himself. . . . M.G.M. reports that Danny Thomas has written a song. Who hasn't?

## 10-SECOND REVIEW

"High Wall" (MGM) offers Robert Taylor in about his best screen performance to date. The story brings nothing new, being the

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**Councillor Retires**

Appreciation for the co-operation and assistance of Councillor G. V. Bishop, who is retiring this year from Esquimalt Council,

was expressed by Reeve A. I. Thomas and members of council at the final meeting of 1947.

Councillor Bishop thanked the council and said he would gladly assist the municipality in any way he could, even though he was retiring from the council.

**ALDERSHOT**—A tenant lived seven years rent free because the landlord could not be found.

**Esquimalt Growth Reflected In Home Building In 1947**

Steady growth and development of the municipality of Esquimalt was seen by Edmund Fulcher, assessor and superintendent of public works today, as he reported that permits for construction amounting to \$457,925 were issued during 1947 as compared with an annual construction of \$50,000 to \$60,000 in previous years.

Total permits for the year were 146, compared with 139 in 1946, representing construction of \$442,819.

Practically all our building is residential this year with 89 of the total number of permits for dwellings," Mr. Fulcher said. "Cost of home construction for the year amounted to \$433,250. In 1946, 86 of the total number of permits were for dwellings at a cost of \$271,124.

"There are a great number of houses in Esquimalt in various stages of finishing," Mr. Fulcher said, adding that delay in getting materials had increased the cost of building. "I know of houses started in January of 1946 that are not completed yet," he remarked.

Building in Esquimalt which amounted to \$51,000 in 1937, \$61,000 in 1938 and \$70,000 in 1939, reached a record high of \$277,000 in 1942 with construction of wartime houses. There was construction to the value of \$454,000 in 1943. Building fell down in 1944 to \$61,000 and then up again in '45 to \$290,000.

**Minor Cuts To Two When Car Hits Pole**

While the car in which they were riding was extensively damaged, George W. Barber, 2856 Parkview Drive, and Robert Hollins, 412 Dallas Road, managed to escape with but minor cuts Tuesday night in a collision with a steel pole at the northwest corner of Government and Superior Streets.

City policemen Constables Norman Galbraith and Douglas Grant attended the scene and reported the impact tore a piece of metal off the car which flew through the air and broke a window in the provincial assessor's office. Barber, driver of the car, was proceeding north on Government.

**Leadership Classes To Resume Jan. 8**

The classes on community leadership sponsored by the adult education committee of the Welfare Council of Greater Victoria will reconvene at Victoria High School Jan. 8. These classes are run in conjunction with the regular night school under the Greater Victoria School Board. Speakers for this term will include Miss Gertrude Aikenhead, a social and psychiatric worker from Toronto, on the "Importance of the Mental Outlook of the Leader"; Harold Beckwith on the "Science of Argument"; W. Gaddes on "The Balance Between Youth and Experience," and J. Hammett on "Teen Age Psychology." There will be more room this term for class discussion led by members of

the class and also practice in chairmanship and impromptu speaking. The class is under the leadership of Dr. H. R. Anderson, organizing director for the Recreation Council of Greater Victoria.



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CAPITOL

**Parties Early In 1948 To Shift Into High Gear For By-election**

Political parties planning for the Saanich by-election are expected to shift into high gear early in the new year.

The Feb. 23 date for the by-election, necessitated by the designation of Mr. Speaker Norman W. Whittaker, appointed to the B.C. Supreme Court Bench, was announced Tuesday by Premier Byron I. Johnson. The by-election in Cariboo, at which a successor to the late Louis Le Bourdais will be chosen, will be held on the same date.

To date but one candidate has been named to contest the Saanich seat in the provincial Legislative Assembly. He is Bruce Mickleburgh, nominated recently at a convention of the Labor-Progressive Party.

**TWO IN FIELD**

Two other persons have announced, however, that they will let their names go forward to the Coalition nominating convention which will be held probably about the middle of January. They are J. L. Hobbs, Saanich councillor, and K. M. Lewis, for two years president of the Saanich Liberal Association.

Arthur J. R. Ash, president of the association, said today that he would call the association executive to meet early in January at which plans for the nominating convention would be worked out. No date has been set for the nominating convention or the executive meeting.

Under the original terms of Coalition, only Liberals may nominate, since the Legislative Assembly seat was held by a Liberal when the Liberals and Conservatives joined forces in 1941 to form the Coalition administration. It, however, more than one name is put forward at the convention, then Conservatives attending the joint Liberal-Conservative convention would be able to vote for the candidate.

No changes in these arrangements for nominations have been announced following the renegotiation of Coalition terms recently by Mr. Johnson and Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb, provincial leader of the Progressive Conservatives.

Before he resigned the premiership, John Hart announced R. H. Carson, Liberal member of the Legislature for Kamloops, would be recommended to the House as Speaker to succeed Mr. Justice Whittaker.

**C.C.F. CONVENTION**

The C.C.F. have arranged to hold their nominating convention at 8 on the evening of Jan. 9 in the Douglas Hall, Harold E.

**Gorge Road Scene Of 2 Accidents**

Gorge Road was the scene of two accidents this morning within one hour of each other, according to Sgt. Eric Elwell of the Saanich Police, who attended both with Constable Leslie Ledson.

At 6.40 a car driven by Dr. R. Reilly, interne at the Jubilee Hospital, west on Gorge, left the road at Parkview and hit a light pole. Robert Leighton, passenger, suffered facial bruises. The car was damaged in the front by the impact.

At 7.50 Mrs. Isabella Davies, 71, Beverley Hotel, crossing Gorge Road at Tillicum Road, was struck by a car being driven by Angela Walter Walsh, 2519 Belmont Avenue. Mrs. Davies was taken to hospital to be treated for a cut to the back of the head. Leighton was also treated at the same hospital.

**Pickard Commands**

OTTAWA (CP)—Naval headquarters announced Tuesday the appointment of Lt. Cmdr. Anthony F. Pickard, 33, of Halifax as commanding officer of the Tribal class destroyer Haida. He succeeds Lt. Cmdr. Frank B. Caldwell of Amherst and Dartmouth, N.S., named to the National Defence College at Kingston, Ont., for a combined staff course.

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## Rails Lead Year-end Recovery

NEW YORK (AP)—Buoyed by another interim rate boost, rails today led the stock market on a selective year-end recovery with activity around the best in more than two months.

Dealings tapered after a fast forenoon. While there were a few "thin" jumpers of five points or so, extreme gains running to a point or better receded in many cases near the close with minus signs fairly well distributed for pivots. Most motors, steels and utilities were narrow. Canadian issues were irregular. McIntyre and Distillers Seagrams were up 1/2 while Canadian Pacific added 3/4. Dome Mines dropped 1/2. Hiram Walker was unchanged.

Dow Jones closing averages:  
30 Industrials 181.16, up 0.60  
90 Stocks 32.48, up 0.79  
15 Utilities 33.40, up 0.17  
65 Stocks 65.00, up 0.41  
Total sales, 1,540,000.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)

Stock	Close	High	Low
Allied Chemicals	109-4	110-4	108-4
American Can	80-4	81-4	79-4
American Tobacco	68-4	69-4	67-4
American Southern	12-4	13-4	11-4
American Tel. and Tel.	101-3	102-3	100-3
Anacostia	24-4	25-4	23-4
Armstrong	12-4	13-4	11-4
Atlantic Coast	24-4	25-4	23-4
Atlantic Tobacco	25-4	26-4	24-4
B. and O. Railway	35-4	36-4	34-4
Bethlehem Steel	10-4	11-4	9-4
Canadian Pacific Railway	11-4	12-4	10-4
Chrysler	63-4	64-4	62-4
Columbia	21-4	22-4	20-4
Curtis Wright	47-4	48-4	46-4
Du Pont	44-4	45-4	43-4
Eastman Kodak	44-4	45-4	43-4
Erie Railroad	31-4	32-4	30-4
General Foods	31-4	32-4	30-4
General Electric	23-4	24-4	22-4
General Motors	43-4	44-4	42-4
Goodyear Tire	12-4	13-4	11-4
Great Northern	26-4	27-4	25-4
Inter. T. and T.	12-4	13-4	11-4
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## Close Year On Upward Trend

TORONTO (CP)—The Toronto Stock Exchange closed the year in a half session of moderately active trading today with stocks generally on an upward trend. Industrials were firm on good newsprint, foods and oils, the western oils continued the advance started earlier in the month while mining stocks were indecisive and closed about unchanged.

(By A. E. Ames & Co.)

Stock	Close	High	Low
Alum. Co. of Canada	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
Aluminum	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
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Alum. Co. of Canada	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
Aluminum	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
Aluminum	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
Aluminum	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
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Aluminum	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
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Alum. Co. of Canada	124-1/2	125-1/2	123-1/2
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